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## Fox demands tougher line against Europe

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR MARCUS FOX, chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, denounced pro-European Conservatives yesterday and called on the party to take a hardline stance against Brussels.

His comments came in spite of a warning from senior ministers that continued feuding in the party could open the door to the Labour Party. Sir Marcus joined the calls for unity but said there had to be a commitment to fighting European interference in Britain's beef industry. He said that

### Call for unity followed by attack on Tory Left

some members of the Tory Left were "so pro-Europe it's unbelievable". He added: "They must understand that we want to listen to them [but] at the end of the day they must accept the majority view of my colleagues in the 1922 who are supporters of John Major."

His remarks came days before John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister, is due to call for the party to adopt more radical policies over Europe to distance itself from Labour. Mr Redwood's

pamphlet *Actions not Words*, to be launched on Wednesday, will urge a tax-cutting programme and a tougher line against Brussels. It coincides with plans by Teresa Gorman, a Euro-sceptic Tory MP, to introduce a Commons Bill demanding a referendum on issues stretching beyond a single currency.

The new wave of right-wing pressure will fly in the face of calls from Tory ministers for unity after last week's local election rout in which the

Conservatives lost 567 council seats. As the Tory high command prepared a new offensive to focus attention on economic improvement, MPs were told to target Labour rather than open further internal divisions.

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, emphasised the risk of defeat if the internal warfare continued. "What are Conservatives trying to achieve in giving the appearance of disunity within the Conservative Party? I

know what they're likely to achieve, and that is to open the door of No 10 Downing Street to Tony Blair."

He denounced those who would jeopardise the party's chances of winning the next election rather than compromise over the future of Europe. "That is political madness," he said, adding that it would be "lunacy" to let Mr Blair into power as he was more pro-European. Mr Heseltine also attacked Mrs Gorman's proposed referen-

dum Bill as "gesture politics". The risk of further divisions was underlined by Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, the former Tory deputy chairman, who tried to stave off further backbench threats to the Prime Minister. "There appear to be one or two people who think what we are actually discussing is who will be leader after the election. I've got a message for them. The leader after the election will be John Major and he will be the Prime Minister and he will

have an even bigger majority if they get behind him."

Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, said there had been real divisions in the party before last year's leadership election but the bitterness had disappeared. "Over the next 12 months increasingly you are going to see, within all the parties, people concentrating on the core messages of what the party is offering to the public, and people will be able to see the distinctions and differences between the parties."

William Rees-Mogg, and Peter Riddell, page 14

## Zulu boy back at township in South Africa

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never gave me a problem. He's just happy for me."

Mr Mahlangu recently claimed that he had moved out of the family's single-roomed home in Tsakane into a house that he had bought in a Brakpan suburb.

However, his neighbours say the family is still living in the township. Sifiso has complained that he had to share a bed with his mother and baby sister. Mr Mahlangu admitted that the bungalow belonged to his company and would not discuss the family's plans for the boy, saying they were secret.

Mr Mahlangu fended off questions about his anger towards Salome Stopford, the mother of three who vowed yesterday to fight her case through the European courts to have Sifiso returned to her.

Tsakane is a sprawling township with an estimated population of 20,000 generally living on the dry open veld in rickety iron shacks or small brick houses. Many houses do not have running water or electricity. The telephones on the Mahlangu's street do not work after someone stole the telephone wire.

Neighbours in the township had mixed feelings about the boy's return. One teenager talked animatedly about township life and how he was certain Sifiso would soon readjust after four years in Britain. But another youth said the fact that the boy had forgotten how to speak Zulu would cause difficulties.

Meanwhile, at her spacious four-bedroom flat in Maida Vale, west London yesterday, Mrs Stopford promised to continue fighting the case in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.

She said Sifiso had agreed to board the flight to South Africa only after his parents promised to allow his return to London after a six-month trial period. Mrs Stopford said: "We intend to fight this all the way because Sifiso's wishes have been ignored."

Sifiso is still a ward of court in England and Mrs Mahlangu gave an assurance to the court that she would return him if ordered to.

A legal source said: "If Strasbourg finds that both his and Mrs Stopford's rights have been violated then we would have grounds to request his return through the English courts. Even without Strasbourg, if it becomes quite obvious that he is suffering, then we will still have grounds because he is a ward of court."

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Stopford: vowed to continue fight for boy

## French firm aims to win a quarter of rail franchises

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A FRENCH rubbish-collection and street-cleaning company could be running a quarter of Britain's railway network within a year.

CGEA, a £1.3 billion a year "waste management" and transport group based in a Paris suburb, plans to become one of Britain's biggest train operators by winning up to five former British Rail passenger franchises.

The company has already landed the seven-year contract to operate trains on Network SouthCentral, the fifth largest former British Rail franchise, and now has its sights on other routes.

It has been shortlisted for the Chiltern and South Eastern franchises, which will be awarded in the summer, and is also thought to be interested in the ScotRail and South Wales and West networks.

Antoine Hurel, director of the company's transport section, said the company was looking to build up a portfolio of between three and five of the larger passenger franchises. That could give it control of 25 per cent or more of the passenger network, which the Government hopes will be fully privatised before the next election.

With Sea Containers, a Bermuda-registered ferry and freight company, also likely to be one of the leading rail operators after privatisation, up to half the network could end up in the hands of companies with overseas headquarters.

Mr Hurel said he expected

the CGEA to emerge as one of the big three or four players in the post-privatisation industry after all 25 contracts had been awarded.

"We are trying to take a low profile but we want to prove the merits of privatisation," he said. "We are happy to run anything if we think it will be profitable."

CGEA's first attempt to win a franchise was thwarted in December when the Stagecoach bus company outbid it for the South West Trains contract, one of the first two to be awarded.

CGEA went on to win Network SouthCentral, which operates commuter trains from Victoria to South London, Surrey, Sussex, and the south coast, on a seven-year contract.

The company was criticised for not including any proposals for new trains to replace the existing stock of 30-year-old "slam door" carriages as part of its bid.

Its plans for the franchise, which will operate under the new name of London & South Coast, include a "South London metro" frequent departure service for the capital's suburbs, a 100mph "Brighton Belle" hourly express service.

CGEA is owned by Générale des Eaux, France's biggest private employer, which already has more than 50 British subsidiaries, including four water companies, three cable television firms and a healthcare company with 29 private hospitals.



Protesters put up a tent yesterday as they began building what they called a communal village on a patch of derelict land in Wandsworth

## Land protesters take over derelict site

HUNDREDS of campaigners for land rights seized a derelict site yesterday and started building a "communal village". Police called to the site in south London kept a low profile after 400 activists set up buildings, dug toilets, planted windmills for electricity and prepared the ground for crops.

The activists, calling themselves The Land is Ours, had earlier driven in a convoy from Shepherd's Bush to York Road, Wandsworth, before taking over the 13-acre site which is earmarked for a supermarket. Over the

next few days they plan to build a temporary village before planning and building a permanent settlement.

Inspector George Porter, from Battersea police station, said they were powerless to stop the campaigners who did not appear to have broken any laws.

The occupation is aimed at mirroring a mass squat of more than 1,000 sites by demobbed soldiers who found themselves homeless at the end of the Second World War. They want inner-city derelict land to be redeveloped for cheap accommodation. The group

spent six months drawing up plans, building prefabricated housing and recruiting the expertise of architects, engineers and lawyers. One of the organisers, George Monbiot, a former Oxford don, said he hoped the mass squat would "stimulate debate about the twin issues of homelessness and derelict land".

The site is owned by Guinness, whose attempts to redevelop have been blocked by Wandsworth Borough Council.

Benefits of the A34 Newbury bypass, the most bitterly contested of the

Government's surviving road schemes, could be wiped out after providing only ten years' relief from traffic gridlock in the town (Jonathan Pryn writes).

A leaked transport document drawn up by Berkshire County Council, predicts that "traffic conditions on the existing A34 in 2006 would return to the current conditions" if traffic grows as predicted. It also showed that the council had seriously considered building yet another relief road, to the west of Newbury, to deal with additional traffic.

## Brown's child benefit plan resisted

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY  
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR is facing resistance from senior colleagues in the Labour Party over plans to end child benefit for the parents of children aged between 16 and 18.

The Labour leader is pressing ahead with a wide-ranging review of funding for post-16 education, in spite of from within the party that plans to abolish child benefit for this age group have been "ill thought-out."

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, made clear last month that the party was prepared to abolish child ben-

efit for more than a million teenagers aged 16, 17 or 18 and to use the resulting £700 million saving to improve training and education for the poorest families.

Labour frontbenchers have voiced concern that the plan could lose the party votes at the general election, with John Major already calling it a "tax on learning".

Senior frontbenchers, including Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, and David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, are at present discussing with Mr Brown and Mr Blair the particulars of the plan, which

are likely to be unveiled in detail next month.

Senior Labour figures attempted yesterday to counter suggestions that Mr Blair had been frightened off the plan, although one Shadow Cabinet member said: "It needs finessing before we give out full details. It needs to be sold rather better than before." Mr Blair's aides said the Labour leader was intent on following the "radical proposals".

Officials from both Mr Blair's and Mr Brown's offices denounced as "nonsense" reports in a Sunday newspaper that there was a split over the issue and said the two were fully committed to the plan.

Yesterday, Conservatives seized on suggestions of a rift. Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, the former Tory deputy chairman, said: "At last it is becoming clear that the real splits are on the Labour front bench - Cook is unable to speak to Brown, Brown is no longer speaking to Blair, and Blair never speaking to Prescott. It hardly gives one confidence in them forming a Cabinet."

Mr Smith is hoping to ensure that poorer families are not forced to take their children out of full-time education by ensuring that they would still receive an education and maintenance allowance.

## Dorrell offers care carrot

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY  
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CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to help the elderly to pay for residential or nursing homes without having to sell their property are expected to be announced by the Health Secretary this week.

In a discussion paper, Stephen Dorrell will offer tax incentives to those who take out insurance policies to safeguard their homes against the present means test. In return, the Government will agree to pay for their care beyond a three-year limit.

Critics say that this is less than generous, since the aver-

age stay in a nursing home is 18 months, and in a residential home three years. Most people who go into care homes will die there.

The means test for those who have to go into care means that if they have assets worth £16,000, they are expected to foot the entire bill, which can be £17,000 a year. An estimated 40,000 elderly people have already sold their homes to pay for care.

Mr Dorrell is also suggesting flexible pensions, beginning at a low rate with a higher payout in later years to pay for extra help. His strategy depends on people being sensible enough to take

precautions about their future needs.

Only one in six will require nursing or residential care. Pensions experts say it is difficult to persuade people to invest for their ordinary requirements after leaving employment.

An unsolved problem is how to deal with people who are too poor to take out insurance or whose pension is too small to manage on less than the full sum in the early years. The Government would still be expected to meet their costs. Some projections suggest their numbers will rise sharply as the average age of the population increases.

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# Neighbours heard cries of children trapped in fire

By Stephen Farrell

DESPERATE screams for help alerted neighbours to the fire in which four children died early yesterday. They ran to help after seeing flames leaping from windows and doors of the house in Southampton but were unable to do anything to save the victims.

Melvin and Beverley Good, the parents of the children who were sleeping in another room at their home in Sholing, Southampton, escaped by climbing out of the bedroom window and clambering across a conservatory roof alongside the house. The children, who were trapped in a rear bedroom, were unable to escape.

John Clifford, 40, a lorry driver whose house overlooks the Goods' back garden, said: "I heard terrible, terrible screams which woke me from my sleep. They were wailing 'Mummy, daddy, help us please.' I woke my wife and we looked out of the back window. The house was ablaze. It was an inferno but even above the noise of the fire I could hear those children's screams.

"The sound of those helpless little kids screaming for their lives will stay with me for ever. I went down to the back fence and saw Melvin and Beverley in the garden. I asked if everyone was out and he said 'no'. Then I heard shrieks coming from inside the house again. By this time they weren't proper words, they were just terrified screams. Then they suddenly stopped."

Chris Horn, 32, was returning home from a public house

with his girlfriend when he heard cries which he thought came from behind the front door. "I kicked the door as hard as I could. The glass fell out and a flame ripped out through the hole. I dived back out of the way, then I heard screams coming from the side of the house," he said.

Mr Horn, a panel beater who lives opposite, said he vaulted on to the garden gate and saw Mrs Good crouching below. "I jumped onto the gate, leant over and pulled her over with one arm. I don't know how I did it. She was screaming and my girlfriend just tried to calm her down.

"Then I jumped back over the gate and saw the husband. He was only wearing underpants and was trying to get back into the house shouting 'I've got to get in to my babies'. I just grabbed his arm and stopped him. There was no way anybody could have gone in there. It would have been suicide."

Mr Horn saw Kelly, 14, appear from the back door, her face and hair burnt and her arms and legs covered in blood. He said: "She was screaming and shouting 'I know who done this'. I tried to talk to her but she just kept shouting so I grabbed hold of her and sat her on my knee to comfort her."

Residents on the council estate were astonished at the speed with which the fire took hold. Flames and dense smoke poured from every door and window, the glass panes exploding into the street. David

Brewer and Paul Cambell were among the first firefighters to arrive. Wearing breathing apparatus, they fought to get up the stairs but were beaten back at the first attempt by the heat, which turned water from their hoses to steam.

"The first thing I heard when I got to the house was the mother's voice screaming 'My kids, my kids,'" Mr Cambell, 33, said. "The first time we tried to get to the top of the stairs it was just too hot, there were balls of flame licking round our ears. The children were the driving force, that's why we were prepared to put ourselves through so much pain."

Ignoring burns to his face, neck and arm, Mr Brewer, 32, made it to the children's bedroom where he found their bodies. "Inside the room it was just all flames up the wall, along the ceiling and out the window. You couldn't see six inches in front of you," he said.

"It was the most horrific scene I have ever seen in 13 years on the job. No training can condition you for finding casualties and bodies. You just have to deal with it at the time."

Four firefighters suffered facial and neck burns and have been offered counselling. Alan House, assistant chief fire officer for Hampshire Fire Service, said many chose to deal with their emotions by talking it through with friends.

Yesterday fire brigade and Home Office forensic investigators carried out a search of the blackened house, its outer shell burnt away above the charred front door.

Friends laid bouquets of flowers beneath a lampost near the sealed-off section of Sullivan Road. Tina Stunell, mother of Andrea Good's boyfriend, Alan, said Miss Good had learnt of her brothers' and sisters' deaths in an early-morning call from police.

"Andrea is a lovely girl. She was like another mother to those children, very protective of them," she said. "Everyone is just so, so sorry for the family."



Claire Pierce, described as a sporty young woman who was always in good spirits

# Daughter of top policeman dies at 'drugs party'

By Adrian Lee

THE DAUGHTER of a police superintendent was found dead on a sofa at a party where it is suspected drugs were available. Police were yesterday questioning friends of Claire Pierce, 20, whose father Roy is the commander of the Beeston police division in Nottinghamshire.

Miss Pierce apparently fell asleep during the night but friends, who had continued with the party, in Meden Vale, near Mansfield, were unable to rouse her at 6.30am yesterday. Neighbours said a group of teenagers, many in tears, was later led away from the house.

A post-mortem examination was carried out yesterday but it could be two days before toxicology tests are completed on Miss Pierce, a bereavement counsellor, who was about to become a nurse. Police said tablets had been handed out at the party.

Superintendent Mick Salt, of Mansfield police, who is a family friend, said: "No tablets were found but we know they were there... No one else suffered any ill-effects. For all we know, Claire could have died of a heart attack."

"The party went on through the night and at some stage, as far as we know, she lay down on a settee in the lounge and apparently went to sleep. She was found by one of the group, shortly before 6.30am, who shook her. But apparently she looked dead and her body felt cold to the touch."

Ambulance paramedics were unable to revive Miss Pierce, who was pronounced dead by a police surgeon. Mr Salt said police had questioned 15 people who attended the party. He appealed to others who had left earlier to come forward. It was not, at this stage, a criminal inquiry.

Miss Pierce had just won a place as a student nurse at St James's Hospital in Leeds but was working with her mother Ruth. She lived in Mansfield with her parents and brother Mark, 23, who has just left the Army. She is known to have been drinking at a pub before reaching the party.

Mr Salt described Miss Pierce as "a nice pleasant young lady who was no problem to her family". There had been no complaints from neighbours about the party and it was not a "rave". He said Miss Pierce's father, whom he had known since she was born, would have investigated many similar cases.

Last night no one was at the terraced house where the party was held. A neighbour, Reg Curtis, 46, a former miner, said a woman and her two sons, the older one a teenager, lived in the house. It is thought the mother, aged 40, was away on holiday.

Mr Curtis said he had spoken to the teenager about drugs recently. "Drugs are rife around here but only last week he assured me that he has nothing to do with them."

One of Miss Pierce's neighbours said: "Everyone around here is totally shocked. She was an attractive, sporty young woman who looked to be really healthy and always in good spirits."



Alison Good, 10 and her sister Nicola, 8, who were trapped in a back bedroom with their two brothers

# Glider pair survive fatal crash with plane

By Joanna Bale

A GLIDING instructor and his student escaped unhurt yesterday when their aircraft collided with a single-engine plane whose pilot died when he crashed in a field.

As the plane nose-dived, the two men in the glider regained control of their aircraft and landed safely close to the village of Westcott, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

A man working in a building near by said he heard the plane crash, then saw the glider overhead with part of its wing hanging off. The man, who

did not wish to be named, said: "The plane crashed two fields away from us. I heard the crash. It sounded like one of those racing planes. It sounded like it was going into a dive. The glider came over about two seconds later. I saw a bit of its wing hanging off. It could have been a bit of a catastrophe if it had come any nearer to the village."

The single-engine Gulfstream AAS had flown from Elstree airfield in Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, with only the 27-year-old male pilot aboard. The German ASK 13 glider took off 20 minutes before the accident from the

Upward Bound Trust for Young People at Haddenham airfield, Buckinghamshire. The glider club, which trains about 30 young people, was holding a Bank Holiday event with vintage gliders.

The aircraft collided just after 11am and the American-built Gulfstream was so badly damaged that police were unable to identify it at the scene. Fire crews cut the pilot from the wreckage and he was certified dead by a police surgeon.

The glider crew were treated for shock and last night they were being questioned by officials from the Air

Accident Investigation Bureau about the collision, which happened at 2,000ft in fine weather.

Brian Bushell, the glider club's chief flying instructor, said: "One of our two-seater training gliders was involved in a mid-air collision. The glider landed safely and both pilots are uninjured. The matter is now in the hands of the Air Accident Investigation Board and I have been advised to say nothing else."

On Saturday a pilot died in a crash at a display of Second World War aircraft at the Old Warden aerodrome near Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.

## Lawyers complain of stress at work

HIGH-FLYING lawyers complain of intolerable stress and bullying at work in a survey published today. The survey of 700 solicitors for *The Lawyer* magazine showed that more than 80 per cent were looking around for new jobs.

Nine out of 10 said they suffered from stress and nearly one third saw themselves as highly stressed, with the vast majority claiming their personal life had been harmed by work. A quarter of the solicitors who responded to the survey said the volume of work they were expected to do stopped them from taking their full entitlement of holiday.

The study showed that 85 per cent believed their profession had declined in standing in the public eye and that solicitors should be monitored and controlled by independent outsiders instead of by the Law Society. Two thirds of lawyers in private companies confirmed that women had a worse deal than men when it came to being made full partners in law firms. One third of all solicitors reported coming across bullying by senior figures at their place of work.

## Feminist accuses men of abusing sex equality laws

By Dominic Kennedy, Social Affairs Correspondent

MEN are making ridiculous sex discrimination claims to portray themselves as victims of the sex war, a leading feminist said yesterday.

The Equal Opportunities Commission received more complaints about sexism in job recruitment from males last year than from females. For the first time in its 20-year history, Bernadette Valley said she had evidence that men may be making ludicrous job applications and then crying foul.

There were 820 complaints of sex discrimination by men in 1995 - a 10 per cent rise over 1994 - compared with 803 from women. The commission is celebrating a £2,500 out-of-court settlement for a male nurse who was refused a job with the RAE.

Other cases include a brick-layer who was refused a job as a secretary in case he was reluctant to make the tea, and a male country club receptionist sacked by employers who wanted a pretty girl.

Ms Valley had to deal with two complaints from men to the commission when the Women's Environmental Network, which she founded,

## Professor 'proves' superiority of the male

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

MEN do better than women at university because they are more intelligent, a psychologist has said.

Professor Richard Lynn, recently retired from the University of Ulster, says he has confirmed results previously obtained in Britain by examining the degree results at four Irish universities. These show that men obtain 30 per cent more first-class degrees than women, a narrower gap than in Britain but still significant.

Professor Lynn dismisses claims that men are more highly motivated - "women in fact work harder", he says - and that universities have a male-dominated culture.

Men have bigger brains and a higher average IQ, by a few percentage points, sufficient to ensure an excess of men in the IQ range over 130, roughly the level needed to get a first-class degree, his paper, published in the journal *Personality and Individual Differences*, says.

In the past, Professor Lynn's controversial views, such as that racial groups vary in intelligence, led to student boycotts of his lectures.

# Jagger the rebel is called to account

By Carol Midgley

MICK JAGGER has told former London School of Economics students about the burning point in his life, when he walked out of an accountability examination while a first-year student to devote himself to a fledgling band called the Rolling Stones.

However, the man remembered by many as the ultimate Sixties iconoclast may disappoint his fans by admitting that he spent most of his time at the LSE in the library. In a video to celebrate the institution's centenary, Jagger, who spent just one year there after enrolling in 1961, says: "I was in my accounting exam and it was a beautiful summer's day and I looked at the paper and



Jagger: walked out

college work." He said his time at the LSE had given him an intellectual gravitas not normally afforded to pop stars. "People thought rock singers were all completely

stupid and couldn't put two words together, so when people found I had been to the LSE they were really surprised. It gave me an introduction into a different intellectual world than the suburban upbringing I'd had."

The video was made free by the former students Loyd Grossman, now a television presenter, John Mair, an independent producer, and Clive Jones, chief executive of Carlton. They hope it will be sold to raise funds for the LSE. Mr Mair said: "Mick is undoubtedly the star of the show, although it took a year to get him on camera."

The LSE celebrated its centenary last year. A £15 million library is being built to mark the occasion.

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### Hotelier sues over wife's will

A MILLIONAIRE hotelier has issued a writ challenging the right of beneficiaries of his late wife's will to inherit from her estate.

Sir Charles Bracewell-Smith, whose family founded the Park Lane Hotel in London and who is a major shareholder of Arsenal Football Club, is seeking the return of jewellery, paintings and £494,000.

His wife Carol died in 1994 aged 47 from cancer. They were estranged at the time and she made bequests to a number of friends and carers in the last days of her illness.

Sir Charles claims some items were not hers to give away, including jewellery that had come from his grandmother.

Lady Bracewell-Smith's father, Norman Hough, a retired company director, said: "Charlie wants his money back from the estate and we support him. My daughter came under the influence of people during her last days fawning around her."

## Waterstone to open stores for children

By DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE entrepreneur who founded the Waterstone's chain of bookshops is to open a £5 million department store devoted entirely to children.

Tim Waterstone, who built the 96-branch bookshop chain that he sold to W.H. Smith for more than £40 million in 1993, will base the new store on a theatrical design inspired by fairs and circuses. It will cater for children aged up to nine and will sell books, toys, videos and clothes, as well as offering hairdressing, puppet shows and "the most magnificent" soda fountain.

"I haven't seen anything like this anywhere," he said. "It will have the best of everything: the best of Harrods, the best of Hamleys, the best of the Gap, all under one roof." The theatrical designer Lucy Algar will create the setting.

The store will be named Daisy & Tom, after his daughter of 18 months and his partner's three-year-old son. It will open first in King's Road, west London; negotiations for the site are being completed.

Mr Waterstone, 56, is already planning to open

another store, in Kingston on Thames, next year and dreams of many more across the country. He senses a gap in the market, just as he did when he set up Waterstone's, a business that has been described as "arguably the modern book world's greatest success story".

He transformed bookselling with customer-friendly stores: stock was twice the size of other stores, opening hours extended into the night and Sundays, and staff included



Waterstone: he will sell books, toys and clothes

well-informed university graduates.

It was ironic that he should have sold the business to W.H. Smith: the company had fired him for losing money in its American market. He had joined them eight years earlier, in 1973. In September 1982, partly out of spite, as he put it, he set up his own shop. "I was never happy at Smith's and they were never happy with me."

Down to his last £6,000, he borrowed £10,000 from his father-in-law and mistaid his first day's takings, of £924, on the Tube. "I had them in a bag, got up and left the bag on the Tube. I never saw it again." By 1993, Waterstone's sales were in excess of £100 million.

Mr Waterstone, whose backer for Daisy & Tom is the publisher D.C. Thomson, said: "There's room for a really good bookseller for children. Our books will be awfully good, but they're only part of what we'll be selling. We'll be selling everything you could possibly need for children."



Beryl Burton and her daughter Denise, then 16, when they were selected to ride in the 1973 world championships. Burton had just won the British 3,000 metres pursuit title, beating a strong challenge from Denise

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## Former cycling champion Burton killed on Sunday afternoon ride

By PETER BRYAN

BERYL BURTON, the former international cyclist who dominated the sport for years and once vowed never to retire, has been killed in an accident while riding her racing bike.

Burton, 59, from Harrogate, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harrogate District Hospital after falling from her bicycle in Skipton Road yesterday morning. She is survived by her husband, Charlie, and daughter, Denise. In 1973 mother and daughter were both selected to ride for Britain in the world championships at Barcelona.

North Yorkshire police are anxious to trace a man wearing a green top who flagged down a passing motorist.

Burton rode competitively as recently as last October when the centenary of time trials was celebrated in Bedfordshire.

Britain's top female cyclist, Burton defeated a complicated form of rheumatic fever, by turning to sport. She went on to dominate British cycling for almost a quarter of a century.

For 25 years she was the unbeaten champion of Britain. Her records for time trials over 25, 50 and 100 miles still stand as does her distance record of 277.25 miles over 12 hours, set in 1967. The story goes that when she passed the leading male, she offered him a liquorice allsort "because he was struggling at bit".

She was also in the vanguard of champions at international level, winning her

first world pursuit championship in 1959 and, by 1973, adding a further four track titles to her successes and three silver and three bronze medals. She also dominated the road, winning the world title in 1960, a silver the following year and another world title in 1967.

Burton's proudest moments came when she twice lined up in world road race championships with her daughter alongside her as a member of Britain's team. They also rode against each other on occasions.

Burton, who received the MBE and OBE in recognition of her contribution to cycling, was a true cyclist and it became a family tradition that she, her husband Charlie and her daughter Denise would spend Christmases cycling, spending the holidays at youth hostels and enjoying the company of like-minded enthusiasts.



Burton, aged 24, in action in Milan

## Woman dies after 16 years as hermit

By DOMINIC KENNEDY, SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE case of a girl who became a recluse at 13 and died of an apparent overdose 16 years later was being investigated yesterday. Karen Morgan disappeared into the bedroom of her suburban home in 1980 and was next seen by neighbours being removed in a body bag last week.

Her brother Russell, 27, another recluse, is being treated in a psychiatric hospital after a suspected overdose. Police believe they made a suicide pact which went wrong. Karen had been dead for three days when her naked body was found, laid out on her bed.

Her parents Bob and Josie, who also lived in the three-bedroom semi-detached house in Erith, southeast London, were questioned by police although no charges have been brought against them.

Ron Brierly, chairman of social services for the London Borough of Bexley, said yesterday: "We frankly knew nothing about the family. Sometimes we don't know about families until disasters overwhelm them. Senior officers are investigating what happened."

Irene Horton, a neighbour who lives two doors away, said: "The last time I saw

Karen was when she was at school. I knew she had problems and played truant a lot even though she was very bright. She used to play out in the street with my daughters but as she got older she became more withdrawn. She stopped going to school."

"Her brother Russell, who was at a special school, followed her lead and dropped out as well. I haven't seen him for years either, since he was in his early teens. I know Josie and Bob to speak to and they are a lovely couple, perfectly ordinary."

"I never spoke to them about their children because I think they were embarrassed that they would not leave the house. Everyone knew about Karen and Russell and thought they were just a bit strange but no more than that. Never in a million years did I expect it to end like this. It's all very sad. In all the time I've lived here I've never been inside their house."

The family never had any visitors. The door was not opened to anyone who knocked. Karen's meals used to be left by her parents on a tray outside her bedroom.

Council officials are checking education records to see what action was taken when she stopped attending school.

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# Founding fathers prepare a poisoned chalice for Britain



The blue and gold European Union flag may not flutter over government buildings in Scotland on Thursday, but reminders of Europe have a way of slipping through the defences of British politicians just when they least want to think about the world beyond Calais.

Starting that night, BBC 2 will screen a quartet of neatly timed films. *The Poisoned Chalice*, which chronicles the fear and loathing which the drive to unite Europe has injected into British politics. The present Tory Cabinet discussing Europe may resemble a family of rabbits caught in several sets of

headlights at once, but retelling the whole dispiriting story serves to remind us that the ministers of today are not the first furry animals who froze when confronted by these dilemmas.

The backroom boys from the Benelux who built the EEC recall for the cameras the Euro-sceptical contempt with which the Foreign Office of the 1950s greeted the idea that of six continental states could organise a supra-national community. Edward Heath exudes contentment at British humiliations. Retired British mandarins and former ministers too numerous to count begin their sentences

Prime Minister to his country home in the Rhineland. Please explain to her, Herr Kohl asked, that I am first and foremost a European and not a German. Powell failed. After a long day being squirmed around tombs of Holy Roman Emperors and eating pig's stomach, Mrs Thatcher sank into her seat on the aircraft home and cried: "My God, that man is so German!"

Germans often say that European integration prevents the Continent's states slipping backwards towards dangerously unstable 19th-century "balance-of-power" politics. *The Poisoned Chal-*

ice not only shows that to be naive but also underlines a paradox: federalists have only been able to nudge states towards unity by using the old-fashioned statecraft long practised by sovereign nations. In these games, enduring alliances tend to win. Mrs Thatcher lost on points to Herr Kohl, the late François Mitterrand and Jacques Delors. A triumvirate linking the leaders of Germany and France with a super-bureaucrat was unbeatable while it lasted.

By vividly retelling the story of Britain's first and failed attempt to join the EEC in the early 1960s, the docu-

mentaries reveal how one partnership reshaped the system to Britain's lasting disadvantage. The EEC's spiritual fathers, Jean Monnet and Robert Schumann, may have drawn the blueprint; but the machinery was then altered to suit the strategies of Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer.

De Gaulle made sure that he would not be deserted by Germany when he did something which upset almost everybody else. Several of those interviewed lament that by not joining the EEC at its foundation in 1956, Britain forfeited the chance to "lead Europe". But the reasoning that led de Gaulle to "squash" Britain's application in 1963 was the reasoning of a man determined that Britain should neither lead Europe nor interfere with the Franco-German alliance. Several senior French officials of the time tell the story without the slightest trace of embarrassment. De Gaulle's knew that Adenauer would not insist that Britain should be allowed in. Britain sat on the outside for another decade.

The stakes have risen since. The EU has moved into the most sensitive and important areas of national autonomy — currencies, armies, crime

and frontiers — and have provoked unprecedented objections from voters. But the Franco-German understanding survives.

Tony Blair should watch *The Poisoned Chalice*. You may search his speeches, Peter Mandelson's book-length manifesto and Labour Party conference decisions for clues as to how a Labour government might deal with the conflicts of interest in today's European power politics. On how Labour's leader might avoid being poisoned from the chalice, such documents are silent.

# Yeltsin may delay election to avoid defeat, rival claims

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

GENNADI ZYUGANOV, the Russian Communist Party leader and favourite in next month's presidential elections, said yesterday that the Kremlin may try to postpone the polls rather than face defeat.

Speaking after one of President Yeltsin's closest advisers said he was in favour of cancelling the vote, Mr Zyuganov vowed that the left-wing opposition would see it that the elections would take place as planned on June 16.

"The party of power is afraid of losing the election because it is not coping with the situation," the Communist leader told *Pravda* yesterday. "Authorities are ready to take away the right of citizens to correct the situation through the ballot box."

His warning took on added force after the statement by General Aleksandr Korzhakov, the influential Kremlin security chief, that he is in favour of scrapping next

# Chechens shoot down Russian warplane

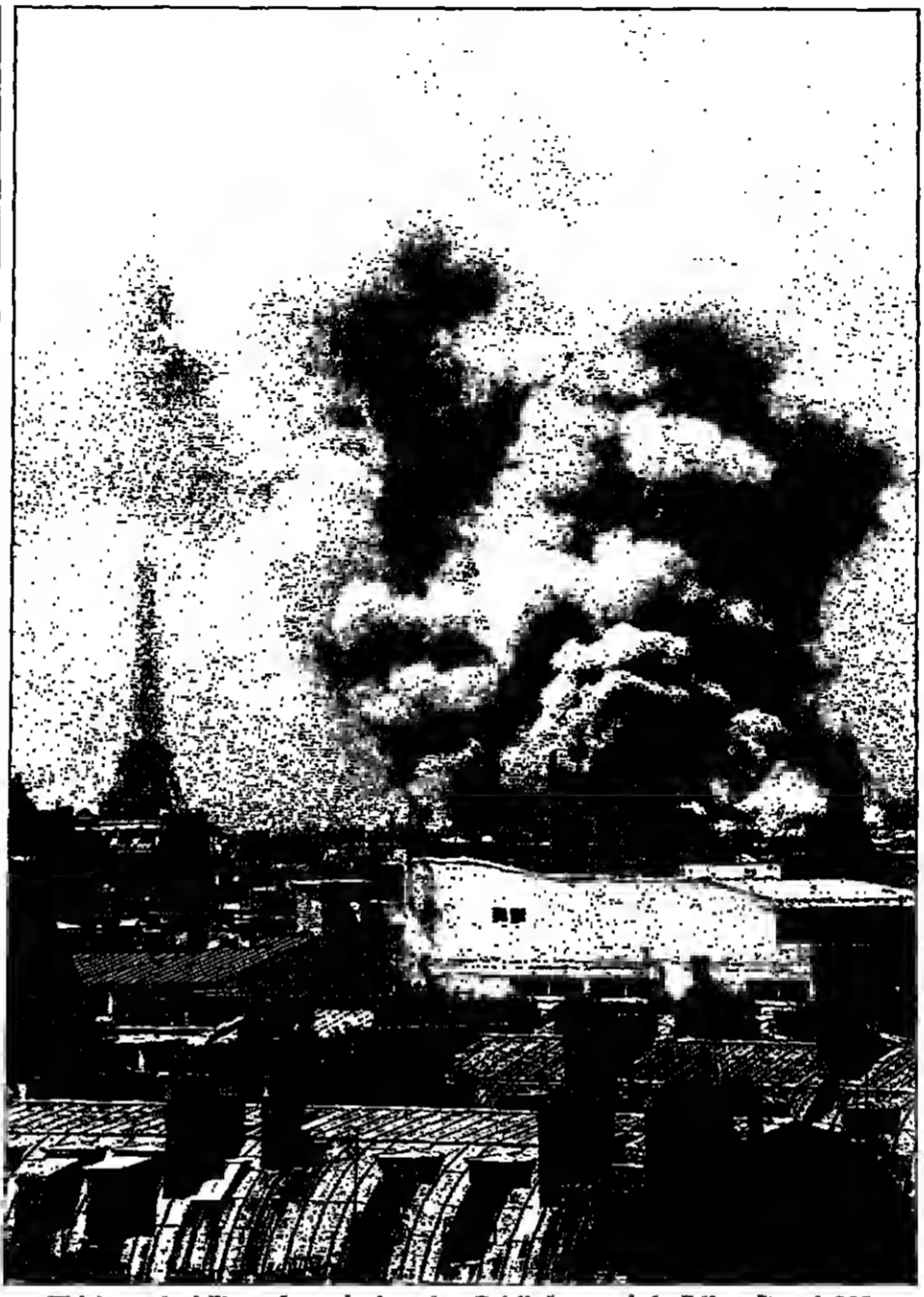
Moscow Chechen rebels yesterday shot down a Russian warplane over southern Chechnya in a demonstration by the separatists that they are not yet ready to talk peace with the Kremlin (Richard Beeston writes).

According to an air force officer in Moscow, the Su-25 was hit while on a reconnaissance flight and crashed near the village of Mairup, killing both crewmen. According to the Russian military, the aircraft was the fifth shot during the 16-month conflict.

The shooting down of the warplane came after fierce fighting on Saturday in Grozny, the Chechen capital, when rebel forces launched a two-hour assault on the Interior Ministry headquarters in which at least one Russian soldier was killed.

The upsurge in rebel attacks sent a strong signal to Moscow that the separatist leadership is not yet ready to reopen negotiations with Moscow, in spite of an offer from President Yeltsin last week to travel to the republic and meet the separatist movement later this month.

Zelidkhan Yandarbiyev, the newly-appointed Chechen rebel leader, who replaced Dzholikhar Dudayev after his death last month, yesterday set two new preconditions for any talks with the Russians. He insisted that only representatives of the Chechen rebels and the Russians should take part in the dialogue and not the pro-Moscow Chechen Government in Grozny. Mr Yandarbiyev also ruled out contact with any Russian who did not first formally declare that he had taken no part in Dudayev's killing.



Thick smoke billows from the burning Crédit Lyonnais building. It took 300 firemen to bring the blaze, which started in a computer room, under control

# Fire engulfs French bank

Paris A spectacular fire engulfed the Paris headquarters of the state-owned Crédit Lyonnais Bank yesterday, injuring 23 people and sending a thick column of black smoke over the city's skyline that was visible from Versailles, ten miles away (Ben MacIntyre writes).

The fire broke out at the building, near the Place de l'Opéra, at 8.30am and 300 fire-fighters from 23 fire stations around Paris worked until late afternoon to bring the blaze under control.

The Crédit Lyonnais building, which is listed as a national monument, was built in 1878 with features attributed to Gustave Eiffel, architect of the city's most famous landmark.

Nineteen firemen and four security guards were treated for smoke inhalation or burns and one person suffered serious facial wounds.

The fire appeared to have started in one of the bank's computer rooms on the first floor, possibly from a short-circuit, and then quickly spread to the upper floors of building. Officials said there was no danger of the fire spreading to the refurbished opera house, the Palais Garnier, but occupants of neighbouring buildings were forced to evacuate as clouds of smoke and flames billowed through the windows of the burning bank.

The speed at which the fire spread and the "very big problems" controlling it were due to the age of the building and the lack of fire doors, the fire department said.

# Engineer strikes blow for cleaner Paris air

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French Ministry of the Environment is considering installing 70,000 electric fans on buildings across Paris to blow a gentle breeze through the smoggy streets and combat chronic air pollution.

The fans, each 5 in in diameter, would be placed on balconies, window ledges and roofs, creating an artificial wind with an approximate speed of 3 mph, under a scheme submitted to the Government by Yves Lecoffre, a Grenoble engineer. "Once they have been spread out in the neighbourhoods, the fans will push dirty air from the streets," M Lecoffre said.

The Environment Ministry has appointed two scientists to evaluate M Lecoffre's plan, which he has named Myrialflow. One supports the project, *Le Figaro* reported, while the other has expressed reservations but offered M Lecoffre the use of a laboratory for further experiments.

During last winter's transport strike when millions of people were forced to drive to work, the air pollution in Paris reached record levels. A survey released earlier this year found that 350 people die every year in the capital from heart and respiratory ailments linked to air pollution. At least 80 per cent of the pollution in Paris is caused by traffic.

M Lecoffre estimated that installing the fans throughout the city's 6,658 streets would cost less than £7400 million (£51.6 million), while the energy consumed "would be negligible compared to the service rendered". A central command-post would regulate the fans by remote control depending on climatic conditions and pollution levels.

*Le Figaro* described the project to put the wind up Paris as revolutionary, although it remains to be seen how the citizens (and pigeons) of the capital would respond to having fans whirring on their window ledges.

Quite apart from its environmental advantages, anything that cools over-heated Parisian motorists is likely to save lives.



Bossi: urged secession at a weekend rally

# Bossi puts case for breakup of Italy

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

UMBERTO BOSSI, leader of the separatist Northern League, yesterday stepped up his campaign for the breakup of Italy by demanding a "Czechoslovak-style" division of the country after his party's recent electoral success.

The move was condemned last night by President Scalfaro, and also indirectly by the Pope, who said while visiting the Northern League stronghold of Como that the well-being of Italian workers depended on "social solidarity" and "national unity".

In the election two weeks ago the Northern League, which in 1994 was part of the Centre-Right coalition led by Silvio Berlusconi, refused to ally itself with either Left or Right. It won 10 per cent of the vote, with 59 seats in the Lower House and 27 in the Senate. The new Centre-Left Government of Romano Prodi, which will take power after the new parliament convenes on Thursday, opposes secession.

Signor Prodi said Italy was "one and indivisible". Italian newspapers said the Prodi Government would be further strengthened by the inclusion of Antonio Di Pietro, the charismatic former "Clean Hands" anti-corruption magistrate, as Minister of Public Works.

In a letter to Signor Prodi, Signor Di Pietro ended weeks of speculation about his role by saying the historic shift to the Left had at last given Italy a measure of stability. As a technocratic "non-political" minister, he could continue the work of "Clean Hands" by ensuring "transparency" in the award of large public contracts.

Addressing Northern League deputies at the so-called "Parliament of the North" in Mantua, Signor Bossi insisted that Italian federalism had outlived its usefulness. He criticised the Rome authorities — Left and Right — as centralist, colonialist and racist.

"It is time to sit round the table and divide the country up," he said. Because of the wealth of the North and the backwardness of the South, there were now "two economies in Italy" and should therefore be two governments and two central banks.

Palermo: Salvatore Cuccizza, 49, reportedly a senior Mafia leader, who had been on the run for years, has been arrested, police said. (Reuters)

# Aznar names Cabinet and ushers in new era of austerity

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID



José María Aznar, the new Spanish Prime Minister, and his wife Ana Botella in Madrid yesterday

THE leader of the conservative Popular Party was sworn in yesterday as Prime Minister of Spain by King Juan Carlos, ending 13 uninterrupted years of Socialist rule.

José María Aznar, 43, heads Spain's first elected Government of the Right since the death of General Franco. He succeeds Felipe González who was until yesterday, with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, the longest-serving leader in Western Europe.

Señor Aznar's path to the Moncloa — Spain's 10 Downing Street — has been an arduous one. The Popular Party won only the narrowest victory in the elections held on March 3 and has been able to form a Government only because of parliamentary support from Catalan, Basque and Canary Islands nationalists.

Although the Canary Islanders pledged him their support from the start, the Catalans and Basques reluc-

ed only after bringing considerable concessions from Señor Aznar. Jordi Pujol, the Catalan leader, was able to impose conditions on Señor Aznar almost at will. But the new Prime Minister can now count on 181 deputies in the 350-member house.

The new 14-member Cabinet, which will be announced formally today and will include two deputy prime ministers, comprises four women, two independents and few surprises. Of particular interest to Britain, however, is the appointment of Abel Matutes as Foreign Minister.

This francophile former European Commissioner is expected to press for still greater European integration, suggesting that those analysts who believed that Señor Aznar had Euro-sceptical leanings were mistaken. Señor Matutes is also likely to adopt a hard line on Gibraltar.

Señor Aznar's new minister in charge of agriculture and fisheries, another area where Anglo-Spanish relations are often sour, will be Loyola de Palacio, a hard-headed lawyer from the Right of the party. She, too, is unlikely to prove conciliatory over fishing disputes.

If there is a surprise in the Cabinet, it lies in the appointment as Defence Minister of Eduardo Serra, an independent who has worked with successive Socialist governments. The bookish Señor Serra is thought, like his Prime Minister, to favour the integration of Spain into Nato's command structure.

The most important member in the Cabinet will be Rodrigo Rato, Señor Aznar's right-hand man and the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the economy. To him will fall the task of meeting the Maastricht treaty's convergence criteria for monetary union. Equally testing for Señor Rato will

be the implementation of his party's financial promises made to the Catalans and Basques. A greater degree of fiscal autonomy for the provinces was a key concession won by the regions.

In the investiture debate last week Señor Aznar committed himself to a "more austere" Government, as well as to the abolition of compulsory military service. The debate, in which both Señor Aznar and Señor González spoke at great length, was conducted in a spirit of extraordinary courtesy, a far cry from the aggressive exchanges which marked debates between both men in the last parliament.

Basque man held: Antonio Utrutikoeza, a former Basque guerrilla leader, has been remanded in custody in Madrid after being questioned by a Spanish supreme court judge after his deportation from France. (AFP)

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# Dole broadside at Clinton deflected by party feuding

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE, the Republican presidential challenger, launched his harshest attack yet on President Clinton at the weekend, but his criticism was largely eclipsed by two rows within his own party.

Ralph Reed, head of the Christian Coalition, incensed social conservatives by suggesting softening the party's official commitment to a constitutional amendment banning all abortions.

Alfonse D'Amato, Mr Dole's campaign co-chairman, accused Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, of damaging Mr Dole and the party by pushing an extreme agenda.

As the Republicans quarrelled, Mr Clinton sought to consolidate his support among centrist voters by announcing measures to end welfare benefits to teenage mothers who refuse to live at home or finish school. Mr Dole, who trails Mr Clinton by 20 points, finally came out swinging with a speech in

New York in which he accused his rival of leading America down "the dangerous road of weakness and stagnation".

For once sticking to his prepared text, Mr Dole said Mr Clinton had presided over a "short, sad interlude of American waffling and weakness in world affairs" which had "telegraphed indecision and weakness to the world".

Mr Dole said Mr Clinton's vetoes of Republican welfare reforms, tax cuts and budget plans made him "the rear-guard of big government and the welfare state, the champion of the Great Society status quo". The President "talked conservatively while walking knee-deep in the swamps of liberalism, and it doesn't bother him a bit. He will look you in the eye and tell you exactly what you want to hear."

Aides said the speech marked a new phase in the campaign, but its impact was blunted by the Republicans' internal dissension. Social

conservatives accused Mr Reed of "sending up the white flag of surrender" after he suggested rewriting the party's divisive platform so it did not explicitly demand all abortions be made illegal.

Mr Reed argued that a constitutional amendment could not be achieved presently and said that Republicans should focus on other anti-abortion measures. Mr Reed is a Dole supporter, and some conservatives saw his views as part of a wider plot to free the party's presidential challenger from a platform anathema to many moderate voters.

Conservatives suspected that Senator D'Amato, who accompanied Mr Dole to New York, was also doing his bidding by repudiating the unpopular Gingrich "revolution" and accusing the House Speaker of pushing an agenda that left the Republicans looking mercenary. A Gingrich spokesman called Senator D'Amato "utterly wrong".



Gamaa al-Islamiya members gesture from a prison van after they were jailed by a Cairo court yesterday

## Egyptian militants sentenced to death

A CAIRO court sentenced three Islamic militants to death yesterday and imprisoned 19 for up to 25 years for killing police officers and belonging to the illegal Gamaa al-Islamiya group trying to topple the Egyptian Government (Our Foreign

Staff writes). Khaled Ibrahim Omar, recognised as Gamaa's spiritual leader, was jailed for 15 years. Seven defendants were acquitted. The accused sang and chanted before the court session began. Also yesterday, Cairo police arrested an un-

named Egyptian who allegedly spied for Russia and Iraq.

□ Algerian poll: President Zeroual of Algeria has announced parliamentary elections for early next year and called a conference on constitutional reforms.

## Israel and PLO open talks with optimism

By ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM AND MICHAEL BINYON

ISRAELI and Palestinian negotiators last night began talks aimed at reaching a final settlement to their conflict as a first step towards a comprehensive Middle East peace accord.

The talks will focus on the Palestinian demand for an independent state based on the territories of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank but with Jerusalem as its capital.

Officials from both sides say the meeting will discuss the agenda for what will be arduous negotiations, which could drag on for years, to settle the most complicated aspects of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The topics include the future of Jerusalem, Palestinian refugees, Jewish settlements on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, security, borders and economic co-operation. Access to water will also be discussed.

The Israeli Government and the Palestine Liberation Organisation have given themselves up to three years to complete what they have labelled final status negotiations. The meeting is the last chapter in a process which began with the signing of a declaration of principles in September 1993 on the lawns of the White House.

On the eve of the meeting, Uri Savir, Israel's chief peace negotiator, expressed confidence that Palestinians and Israelis would succeed in creating a lasting peace. The Palestinian team, led by Mahmoud Abbas, also expressed cautious optimism.

In Cairo, Susanna Agnelli, the Italian Foreign Minister, heading an European Union delegation to the Middle East, said yesterday the world had wronged Lebanon over last month's Israeli attacks. She also agreed with Egypt that the United States had bent too far towards Israel in its attempt to mediate during the fighting.

Her outspoken criticism of American "bias" has embarrassed Italy's European Union partners and is likely to provoke strong resentment in Washington and in Israel.

General Amnon Shahak, the Israeli Army Chief of Staff, admitted that some of his artillery gunners who shelled a United Nations camp in south Lebanon last month had made "some errors". At a Cabinet meeting, he rejected a UN report that members of his force had deliberately targeted the compound, killing 102 refugees.

□ Manama: Explosions triggered by booby-trapped cigarette packets rocked local and foreign firms across Bahrain before dawn yesterday, causing millions of dollars in damage but no injuries. A government official last night denounced the attacks as "terrorist acts". (AFP)

## Red Cross team see hostages

Jakarta: Four British hostages and seven others, being held by separatists in Indonesia's Irian Jaya, were visited yesterday by a Red Cross official and a doctor. No details were given. It was the first time since March 27 the scientists, seized on January 8, had been seen by outsiders. An April visit was prevented by bad weather. One Dutch hostage, Martha Klein, is seven months pregnant. (Reuters)

## Day of mourning

Port Louis: Mauritius has declared today a day of mourning following the death of Sir Gaëtan Duval, a former Foreign Minister and the enfant terrible of Mauritian politics (Scott Straus writes).

## Dahmer sale

New York: The possessions of Jeffrey Dahmer, who murdered and ate 17 young men before he was beaten to death in jail, may be sold on the Internet to raise compensation for his victims' families.

## Bodies inquiry

Hong Kong: President Ramos of the Philippines has ordered an inquiry into disclosures that squabbling undertakers mutilated and even lost many of the 162 victims of the Ozone discotheque fire last March.

## Florentine heretic finds a champion

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

PLANS are being made to beatify Girolamo Savonarola, the moralistic scourge of corrupt 15th-century Florence whose name became a byword for fire and brimstone puritanism and who was executed for heresy.

Members of the Dominican Order, to which Savonarola belonged, announced a campaign to have the excommunication of the famous "prophet of anti-corruption" overturned. Father Armando Verde, a Dominican scholar in Pistoia who has made a life study of Savonarola and has put all his sermons on computer, said the aim was to rehabilitate Savonarola in time for the 500th anniversary of his death in two years' time.

Savonarola's thunderous anathemas on corruption and abuse of power by the Medici family have powerful resonances in modern Italy. Memories are still fresh of the *Mani pulite* (Clean hands) anti-corruption campaign by magistrates in Milan which brought down the discredited Christian Democrats in 1992 after a near monopoly of power lasting four decades.

The chief architect of "Clean hands", Antonio Di Pietro, apparently has agreed to serve as a minister in the centre-left Government of Romano Prodi when the new parliament convenes in Rome this week.

Father Verde said the legacy of Savonarola was clearly of direct relevance to the moral impulse that lay behind the Left's election victory two

weeks ago. Savonarola's increasingly fiery campaign to purge Italy of sin and corruption led to clashes with Pope Alexander VI, a Borgias who led a dissolute life and had several illegitimate children, four of them by the same mistress.

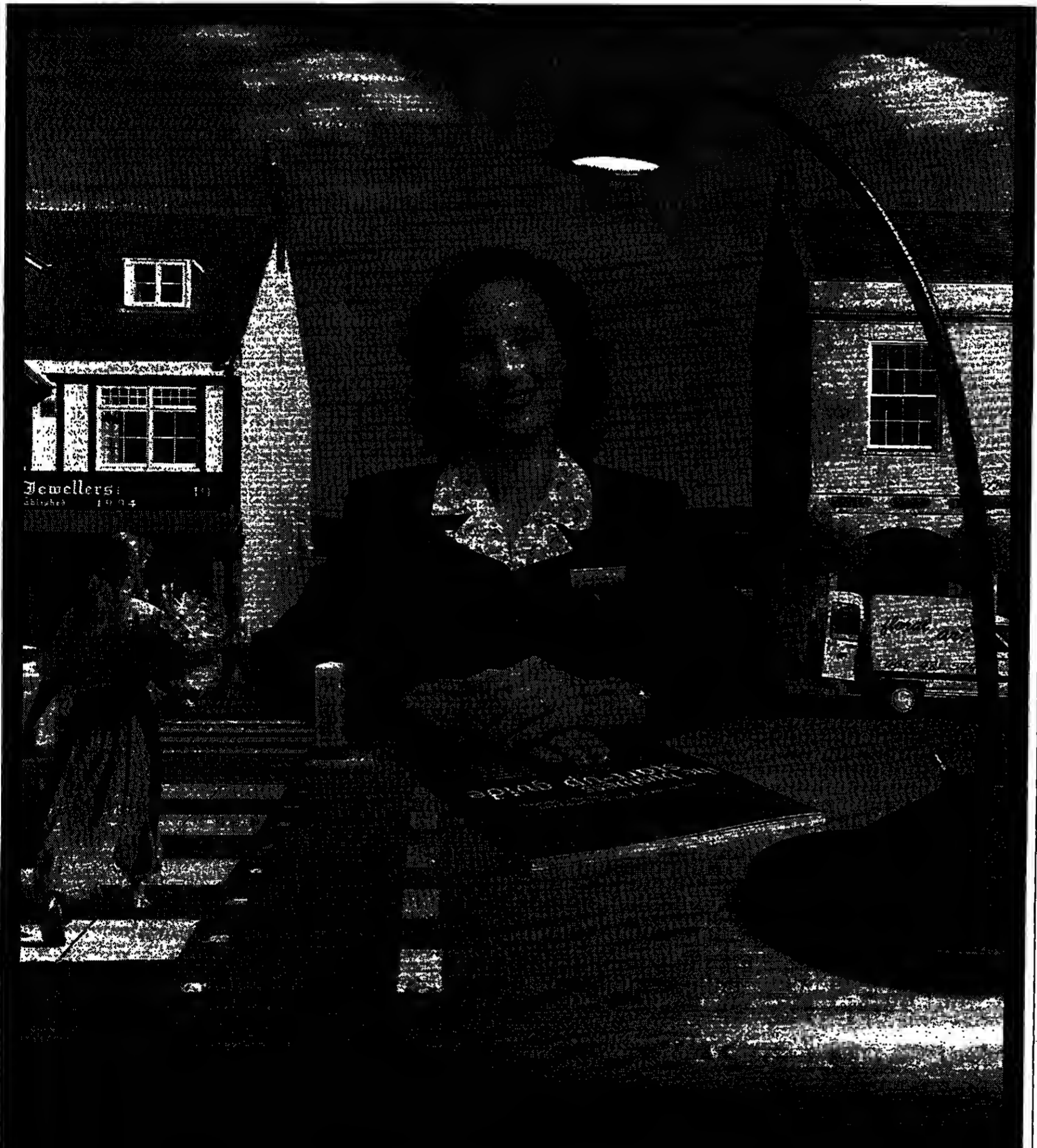
Eventually, the popular mood turned against Savonarola's moral mission and in 1498 he was arrested, tortured, hanged and burnt. The preacher's ashes were thrown into the River Arno.

Father Verde said Savonarola had been killed because the same people who had at first welcomed his crusade and his "bonfires of the vanities" eventually found his ceaseless harping on their vices intolerable. He had found — as Signor Di Pietro and Professor Prodi were finding — that a change in the moral climate could be sustained only "if the structure of power is also changed".

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Savonarola: scourge of the Medici and Borgias



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### Battles put Natal elections at risk

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

EMERGENCY talks were held at the weekend by President Mandela after a gun battle between policemen and Zulu marchers in Durban threatened to disrupt plans for local government elections in South Africa's KwaZulu/Natal province this month.

Three policemen and 20 other people were injured on Saturday when the police fought running gun battles with marchers among 7,000 Zulus who descended on the city to protest against the ban on carrying traditional weapons in public.

Soon after, a memorandum was handed in at the city hall, gunfire broke out from the crowd, sending people running for cover. Police officers chased demonstrators carrying automatic weapons and searched for a sniper in an arcade. Hundreds of shoppers fled in panic and shopkeepers barricaded their doors.

President Mandela was reported to be extremely concerned about the incident on the eve of today's "super Cabinet" meeting of ministers, deputy ministers and party leaders to decide whether local elections should go ahead in the province on May 29. The South African leader summoned senior security officials to talks on Saturday evening, hours after armoured troop carriers rolled into a barricaded Durban city centre.

The ANC in KwaZulu/Natal argues that free and fair elections are not possible because of endemic violence creating "no-go" areas for its candidates and a defective electoral register. Although nobody disputes that its arguments have substance, Inkatha, the former ruling National Party and the Democratic Party, as well as most of the task force appointed by Mr Mandela to investigate the holding of elections, all want the poll to go ahead.

## Thousands flee by ship as Monrovia set ablaze

FROM REUTERS IN MONROVIA

THE centre of the Liberian capital was ablaze yesterday after ethnic Krahn fighters pushed out of their barracks to hit back at Charles Taylor's forces.

Witnesses said the Krahn caught and killed five of General Taylor's fighters at the top of the main Benson Street thoroughfare, shooting some through the head, cutting the throats of others. Four bodies lay in a courtyard, while one was in the gutter outside with the ears cut off.

The Krahn pushed up to the Mamba Point district, reaching the Graystone compound, five minutes' walk from the US Embassy, where US Marines fired on fighters on Tuesday.

One squad of about 30 Krahn fighters — most in flak jackets, some in women's wigs — were accompanied by a small boy naked except for an assault rifle.

West African peacekeepers stopped them advancing up the hill towards the ruined Masonic Temple, telling them they were getting too close to the US Embassy.

The fighters finally withdrew, torching buildings as they went, and it was not clear who was in control of the city.

The fighting had raged as Roosevelt Johnson, the Krahn warlord who is at the centre of renewed violence, and official Liberian delegates arrived in Ghana for emergency peace talks.

The United States backs the two-day mini-summit of the Economic Community of West African States (Ecowas) which opens tomorrow in the Ghanaian capital of Accra, where General Sani Abacha, the Nigerian leader, will be a key player.

The latest battles followed a lull during which Monrovia's war-weary residents hurried to fetch water. On Saturday General Taylor's forces launched an assault on the Barclay Training Centre barracks where a number of Krahn fighters were holed up. A rusting Nigerian freighter

cramped with 2,000 Liberians fleeing fighting in the capital meanwhile sailed from Monrovia for Ghana yesterday. Hundreds of people who said they had paid for tickets were unable to board and were left on the quay.

Passengers crammed on every available surface sang the national hymn as a tug pulled the boat out of harbour. A tarpaulin rigged up on deck offered some shade, but most people were standing in the blazing tropical sun, with no room to sit.

The voyage to Accra was expected to take at least four days and passengers had only the food and water they could carry with them.

Thousands of people have spent several days at the port trying to find boats to take them out. Nigerian peacekeepers guarding the port made no attempt to intervene in the chaos.

Augustin Dalié, a diver, said he had inspected the ship in November and found the cooling system was not working properly and a hole in the hull was mended only with emergency putty.

"It's risky, but we might as well take the risk. There is a chance of survival," said Eugene Fahngon, who was trying to evacuate members of a church group called African Christian Fellowship International.

Negotiators said at the weekend that they had persuaded General Taylor to agree to a ceasefire following Mr Johnson's departure for the Accra peace talks.

But General Taylor, who launched the civil war from Ivory Coast in 1989, promptly denied all knowledge of any truce and said he would not attend the talks, despite pressure from the United States.

□ **Buhoro, Burundi:** The Burundi army killed more than 200 Hutus, mostly women and children, in a military operation in central Burundi late last month. Humanitarian sources in the area claimed yesterday. (Reuters)



A Mer fisherman with his catch taken from seas off the tiny island in the Torres Strait which the islanders are claiming as their own

## Australian islanders reclaim sea rights

FROM DAVID BENTLEY ON MER IN THE TORRES STRAIT

INHABITANTS of Mer, whose successful land claim spawned an avalanche of native title actions, have now set their sights on the waters which surround their tiny palm fringed island off northern Australia.

The claim has the potential to reshape the Australian coastline, particularly in the sparsely populated north where traditional hunting grounds impinge on the Great Barrier Reef, a prime tourist attraction.

Home to high priests and sorcerers of the powerful Malo-Bomai cult, Mer has long been troublesome for white intruders. The Royal Navy captain who sighted it in 1791, renaming it Murray Island, lost his ship, HMS Pandora, on the coral shortly afterwards.

Commercial fishermen seeking coral trout in the reefs around Mer are chased away by island warriors in aluminium dinghies. "Our ancestors were not afraid to

fight guns with bows and arrows," Ron Day, a sea-rights campaigner, said when reminded that fishing boat skippers carry guns.

Business logic underpins the aggressive attitude. Most islanders have seen the ravages of over-fishing in other parts of the Torres Strait. They hope to conserve their marine resources in support of a commercial fishing venture begun three years ago, financed by the islanders and seen as their best hope for self-sufficiency.

Peter Gebhardt, a Melbourne barrister engaged to prepare the island's sea claim for the Native Titles Tribunal, points to ancient fish traps on the tidal flats, first noted by the explorer Matthew Flinders in 1802, and the complex system of ownership of reefs and sand banks among the island's eight clans.

"This sea belonged to our grandfathers and their grandfathers in the before-time," James Bon, another sea-rights

activist, said. "We protect it. We look after it."

Ownership of the seas, even presumed ownership, has given Murray islanders a vested interest in protecting their marine garden. News that neighbouring Papua New Guineans have been illegally netting dugong on a nearby

reef, once a matter of indifference, now elicits an angry response.

There is outrage, too, that Indonesians have established soup canning factories along the green turtles' migratory route, particularly in the light of the islanders' decision to restrict turtle and dugong

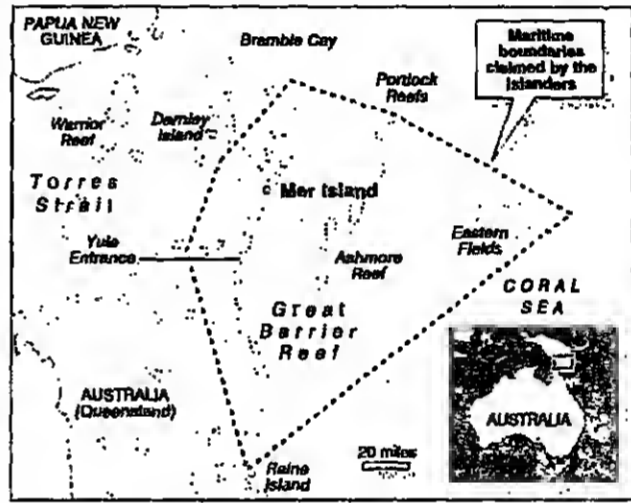
slaughter to ceremonial occasions.

"Our people are coming back to fishing, and the more they come back in, the more fishing grounds we need," Mr Bon said. "We want to live like we did before."

Victimised by marauding adventurers for decades, the islanders welcomed the protection of the London Missionary Society in 1872. Early converts included Aet Passi, a priest of the Malo cult who, having been taught by the missionaries to read and write, used his new skill to record ancient stories.

The hereditary line continues with the Rev Dave Passi, Mer's Anglican priest, whose expanded vision of Christianity embraces precepts of the Malo-Bomai cult.

Asked about sea rights, Mr Passi said: "For an islander like myself, it's part of my heritage. The water, the cosmos, the reefs... we have names for all our reefs and sand banks."



## Tasmania gunman moved to jail

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY



Bryant: target of death threats

MARTIN BRYANT, accused of last week's mass murder of 35 people in Tasmania, was transferred from hospital to a top security jail yesterday.

Bryant, 28, is being held in an isolated intensive care unit within Hobart's Risdon prison. He will be under 24-hour video surveillance to guard him from the threat of attack by other inmates.

Bryant, who is suffering from burns to his back, left the Royal Hobart Hospital in an ambulance escorted by police vehicles. His departure came after mounting concern among those patients who survived the slaughter.

Hospital sources said some of the casualties were "considerably traumatised" by their close proximity to him. Employees were also worried by the number of threatening telephone calls made to the hospital. Bomb hoaxes have forced the evacuation of staff and some

patients on several occasions. A police spokesman said: "It is hoped that hospital staff can now begin the task of concentrating on their normal duties and caring for the injured without the distraction of threatening phone calls."

Yesterday, church bells tolled across Tasmania as several hundred people including many grieving relatives turned up at Port Arthur to mourn those who perished at the killer's hands. But as Australia's sorrow turns to anger, the question of how last weekend's massacre was allowed to happen is paramount. There is growing evidence that Bryant slipped through the social services net and twice evaded police investigation.

He was once accused of shoplifting in the Broad Arrow Café where 20 people were killed. He was later banned from travelling by bus to Port Arthur: one of last Sunday's victims was a coach driver.

## West Africa oil dispute worsens

Nairobi: Nigeria and neighbouring Cameroon looked set yesterday for a military clash in a dispute over ownership of the oil-rich Bakassi peninsula (Sam Kiley writes).

The border dispute has lasted for decades. Analysts said any clash would divert domestic opinion away from the falling governments in both countries.

Because a French firm is exploring oil reserves on the peninsula the dispute also threatens to involve France, which currently has a defence agreement with Cameroon.

## Anti-smoking lobby turns its fire on the great outdoors

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

CHASED from their offices, restaurants and cinemas by ever stricter smoking bans, America's smokers now are being pursued onto the pavement and into the local park.

The campaign against passive smoking, which the Government blames for 3,000 cases of lung cancer each year, is spreading to the Great Outdoors. Towns and cities have begun to institute no-smoking rules in open-air sporting arenas, beaches, playgrounds and even parks.

The industry-financed Tobacco Institute denounces the trend as "tobacco apartheid"

and compares it to Prohibition. The National Smokers' Alliance has taken out newspaper advertisements condemning anti-smoking activists as "lifestyle police".

While smoking has been banned in many large state parks for years because of the danger of forest fires, the new laws are driven simply by citizens' desire for fresh air.

The movement began when a toddler in a small town of Sharon, Massachusetts, picked up a cigarette butt at the local beach and tried to eat it. Her mother launched a successful crusade to get

smoking banned in any municipal recreational area.

Several towns in New Jersey have followed suit. The most sweeping ban is in the health-conscious cities of Davis and Palo Alto, California, where laws make it illegal to stop and smoke in the centre of either city, although an exception allows people to smoke as long as they keep walking.

Figures indicate that about 26 per cent of Americans now smoke, compared with 40 per cent in 1964. According to one opinion poll, about two-thirds of Americans support a ban on outdoor smoking.

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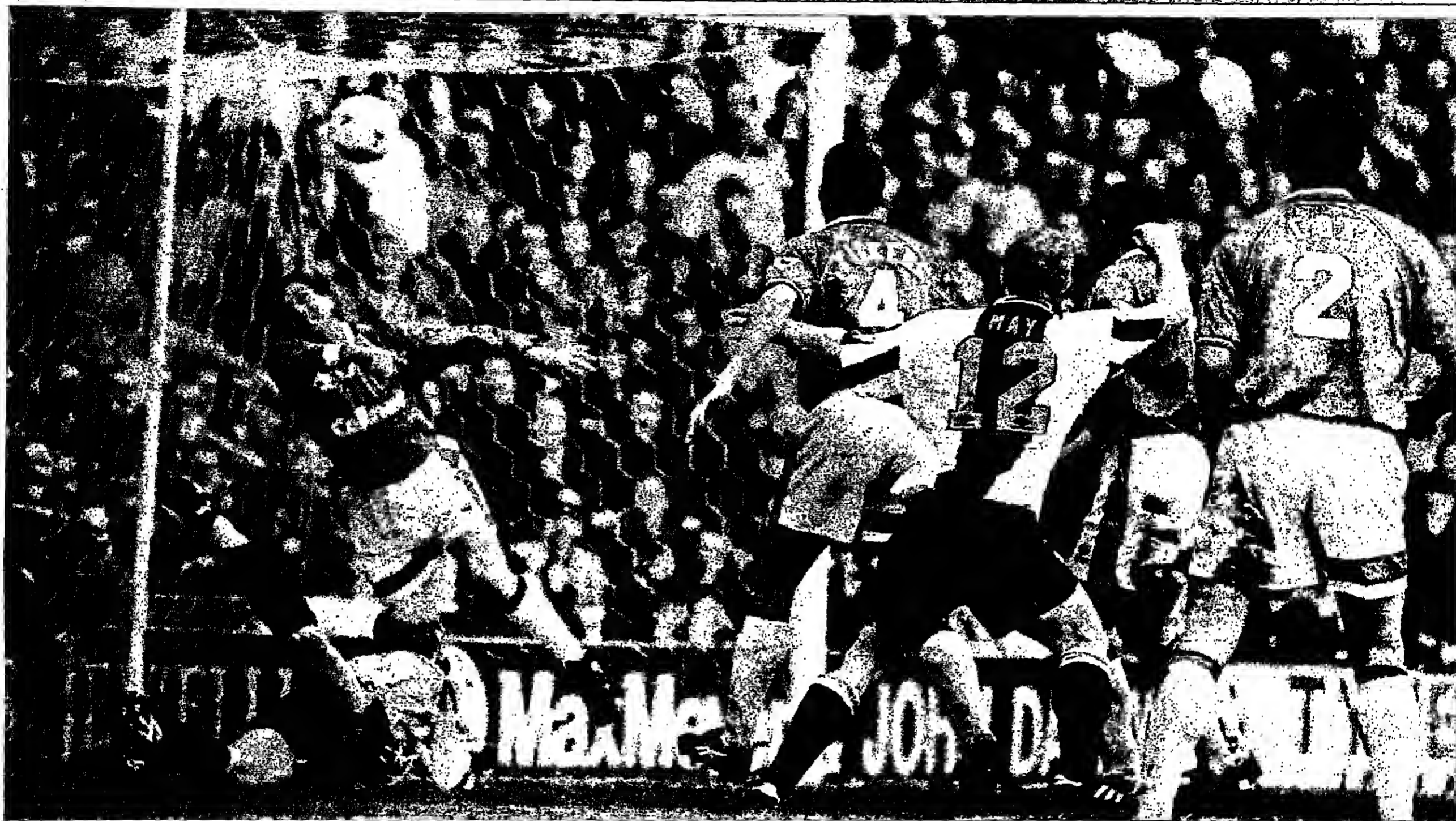
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CHAMPIONSHIP GOES TO OLD TRAFFORD FOR THE THIRD TIME IN FOUR YEARS



May begins to celebrate as his header beats Walsh, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, and the despairing Branco to give Manchester United the lead at the Riverside Stadium. Photograph: Rui Viera

## United seal their title deeds

Middlesbrough ..... 0  
Manchester United ..... 3

By ROB HUGHES  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER United won their third FA Carling Premiership trophy in four seasons with such accomplished ease yesterday that, long before half-time, their supporters were up on their feet, dancing the conga in front of their designated seats. Ryan Giggs, inducing the first two goals with his magician's ability to bend corner kicks and then finishing off the display with a virtuoso goal of his own, had fully justified the pre-match observation of Bryan Robson, who wrote in the programme: "In recent weeks Eric Cantona has deservedly won the plaudits with his match-winning goals. But I feel the real man of the moment has been Giggs, with a series of outstanding performances over the last ten games."

Some prophet, Robson. After all, he had spent 13 years as a Manchester United player. But, to show the shortcomings of his prophecy, he had also predicted: "I am confident my knowledge of all the lads will help me to plan their downfall." He could not do that from the trainer's bench. Alex Ferguson, his former mentor, had poured so much knowledge into a United team that seems to get younger and younger, had instilled his own brand of fire and desire, so much so that, at the age of 54, he has become the eighth man to manage a team to three English league titles. Given his three championships with Aberdeen north of the border,

he more than deserved his share of the idolatry that came from the 2,700 Mancunians who were present. They were so vociferous that they drowned the noise from the Middlesbrough fanatics among the 29,921 crowd. Ferguson, his club blazer damp with champagne, said afterwards: "What has delighted me has been the determination. We simply couldn't make any mistakes since December and winning 16 out of 17 games has been quite exceptional. "When you look at our side, it's a bonus that so many of them are so young. Ryan Giggs is just 22 and he has three championship medals. It's not just about the young players, but they stayed in there the whole time, they've always been available to me, which says a lot for them." He was told that Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle United manager, had, in contrast to his emotional outburst last Monday, been complimentary about the team which had finished four points clear at

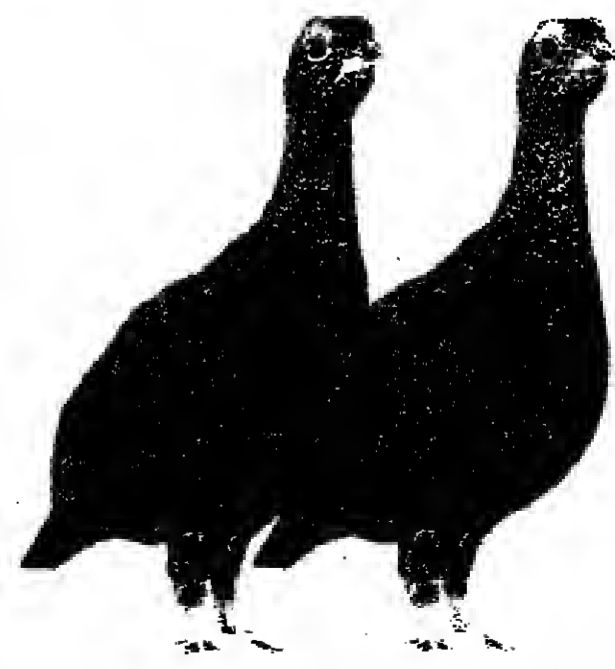
the top of the Premiership. Ferguson agreed that the crucial game had been Manchester United's win at home against Newcastle just before Christmas, and he added: "I feel for Newcastle, especially for their unique supporters. I think they have had a fantastic season and when we went up there, there was no bitterness, no chanting at us... a unique support. You have to feel sad for such passionate people." As it turned out, United did not need to win, for Newcastle could only draw 1-1 with Tottenham Hotspur. In any case, however, Middlesbrough threatened only for a moment or two. Juninho danced, sometimes indulgently and sometimes with a skill so sharp and so quick that Irwin and Pallister were booked for their efforts to subdue him. With barely a minute of the match gone, Juninho fell but somehow managed to scoop the ball up into the goalmouth, where Fjortoft should at least have headed on target, but

miscued from six yards. Barnby was later to be equally profligate when again Juninho had opened United's defence. But that was the token offering of the home team. Middlesbrough never looked likely to be only the second team in 22 league and cup games to defeat Ferguson's side. In the thirteenth minute, United struck. Giggs had taken a corner from the right, arching the ball knowingly towards the far post, where David May, after such a long struggle to become a recognised United defender, rose unimpeded to head the ball. It cleared the goaline. Branco made an attempt to force it away, but managed only to strike the underside of the bar and the ball came down again, clearly over the line. It had been a year almost to the day that May had last scored a goal. The other two scorers are more familiar masters of the art. Andy Cole had come off the substitutes' bench to replace Scholes in the 52nd

minute. He scored with his first touch, again after a corner from Giggs, and this time Cole, with all the instincts of a predator, with all the touch and finesse that had escaped him of late, calmly hooked the ball gently over his shoulder from a position almost beneath the crossbar. The awareness that blessed him then was gone when, twice, Giggs outpaced Cox and offered inviting centres, the first of which Cole failed to reach; the second he mis-controlled. But by now the revelry was high. Instead of directing their songs and their voices at the players who were winning the title for them once again, the United songsters chorused ecstatically, but loudly, their joy that Manchester's divide was becoming wider; they were singing in the knowledge that Manchester City were sinking out of the Premiership. Those United supporters, some of whom had allegedly paid over £200 for a ticket, also had mocking tunes for

Keegan, but at least, and at last, they came up with an air for the day: "We're gonna lay down our weary head, down by the riverside." And the Riverside Stadium was finally to see a goal that brought a standing ovation from the whole crowd. Giggs was 35 yards out when he followed his flight of fantasy. He skipped past one tackle and advanced with the ball towards the edge of the box. Then, as if shooting a sitting duck, he arrogantly used the outside of his left foot to swerve the ball teasingly out of the reach of Gary Walsh, a goalkeeper he had grown up with at The Cliff, the United training ground. Cantona, the sorcerer among the apprentices, had been quiet, no doubt conserving something for the FA Cup Final next Saturday. The winning of that, in conjunction with the championship, would put Ferguson even further up the table of great British managers. It would also, apparently, lead to the sharing out of a bonus pool of £2 million, or £100,000 per man and boy in the United squad. United were welcomed to the stadium by a band of pipers, but Ferguson hardly needed those strains, or the lifting of the clouds that brought bright sunlight to the crowning glory. This will not be the last hurrah of his team, no matter what resistance Liverpool put up at Wembley six days from now.

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Bauer, left, of Cologne, challenges for the ball with Kostadinov, of Bayern Munich, during their German league match, which Bayern Munich won 3-2

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Old rivals offer glimpse of possibilities for under-19 cricket

# Tradition points way ahead

By JOHN GOODBOOD

WHAT a pity it is that there is not a national schools cricket competition for senior boys as there is for football, rugby and other sports.

On Saturday, two outstanding XIs, Harrow and Malvern, shared a taut, drawn game of unexpected collapses and shifts in domination. However, most schools would never have the opportunity of playing such talented rivals because of their location.

This fixture is a peculiarity. It takes place because Malvern was billeted at Harrow during the Second World War and a worthwhile tradition began.

If there were a national under-19 competition, schools from different parts of the country would have the opportunity of meeting new opponents. This is one of the delights of the Boodle and Dumborne Cup in football.

As Paul Goode, the master-in-charge of cricket at Malvern College, said: "Everyone knows who is the best team on their particular circuit. What they do not know is where they stand nationally." Both Mark Williams, the master-in-charge of cricket at Harrow, and Ramesh Sethi, the head coach, also lament the absence of a national tournament, as

exists with the Lord's Taverners' competition at under-15 level. However, this event takes two years to complete, with the under-14s qualifying for the final stages the following summer.

Of 18-year-olds, Ramesh says: "There is not enough competitive cricket at this level. Competition is the only way to improve standards."

However, there are immense problems for schools. Williams says: "Ten weeks of a summer term is horribly short to fit in a competition, particularly during an A-level term. However, in other sports, it is noticeable that when a school wins a couple of rounds, everyone gets really excited."

Roger Tolchard, the Malvern professional, speaking with the realism of a former Test cricketer, believes the idea is a "nightmare". "You just do not have time," he said. "Schools would end up not fielding their first teams." There is the uncertainty of being able to ensure a meaningful match, with limited opportunity to reschedule postponed games.

Block fixtures with traditional rivals would also drift away and this might ultimately harm the game at the younger level. Harrow, with 800 boys, sometimes fields 18 school teams.

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## IN SCHOOLS

However, the biggest difficulty is with A levels affecting exactly those boys who are likely to be involved in the first XI, with the academic staff reluctant to release pupils for matches.

Goode said: "I am under pressure to time the leaving coaches to get to a match in the shortest possible time before the start. You cannot argue with the reasoning."

Many schools also have boys who want to concentrate on A levels to the exclusion of sport during the summer. Williams explained the situation at Harrow: "If there are one or two reluctant chickens, they are kept in the fold because of the Lord's fixture against Eton. It is an incentive."

A possible solution would be to

have a qualifying tournament one year and the final rounds the next, or alternatively use the large number of festivals after A levels have ended.

Certainly, any national competition would have been decorated by the match on Saturday. Played on the Sixth Form Ground at Harrow, where such England captains as Archie MacLaren and F. S. Jackson acquired their early skills, Malvern reached 229 for nine before declaring.

Malvern, with ten of their unbeaten 1995 team available this summer, have already defeated Warwick, Millfield and King's Worcester this term. They were 205 for two, with David Nash, the England Under-19 wicketkeeper, making 92, Mark Hardings 55 and Gavin Franklin 50. But then, chasing quick runs, they collapsed. Simon Engelen took four for 47.

Harrow, considered by Sethi to be "probably the best team and certainly the best batting side" in his nine years at the school, replied by reaching 146 with only two wickets down. Then Andrew Cox, who had made 53, was run out and, although Harrow continued to threaten the Malvern total, they began to lose wickets. They ended at 206 for eight.



Franklin, of Malvern, strokes an elegant cover drive during his 50 against Harrow

## Dunfermline hit the target at last

Bert Paton looked as if he was in the midst of a costume change. The Dunfermline Athletic manager was wearing blazer, club tie and studious spectacles in the dugout during the 2-1 win over Airdrieonians, but there was also a black-and-white scarf as well as a baseball cap. On the afternoon in which his team won promotion back to the Bell's Scottish League premier division after a four-year absence, he was an employee turning into a fan.

Everyone at East End Park has felt the tug of emotion in the past few weeks and Paton has been dressed in the same way for the past two Saturdays. At times, it had seemed that Dunfermline would suffer from an excessive number of motives. The desire to win the first division title as a tribute to Norrie McCallie, their club captain who died in an accident at the beginning of this year, could, by itself, have been enough to leave them overwrought.

Their resolve, however, was also strengthened in mundane ways as well. Dunfermline's reputation, of late, has been for rousing but ultimately doomed attempts to grasp promotion, but the public had ceased to be enthralled by a story grown too familiar. Instead of admiring dogged players whose determination renewed itself after every disappointment, some had come to think of the team as a gathering of losers.

Such an accusation is an assault on the pride of a professional footballer. So many grievances and so many cravings have surged through Dunfermline in the past few months that they must have been in danger of a short-circuit. For once, however, the lights did not go out at East End Park.

The victory over Airdrie was unsightly and tinged with good fortune, but it sufficed. Dundee United, who drew 2-2 with Morton at Cappielow, are left to seek a return to the premier division through a hazardous play-off, conducted over two legs, against Partick Thistle. Few had predicted that Billy Kirkwood's team,

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dotted as it is with expensive signings, would be left to such toil.

Dunfermline certainly did not exude an air of superiority. Paton's side is packed with old sweat, men who have slogged their way to a livelihood over many years at East End Park or with other clubs. Ian Westwater, Craig Robertson, Colin Miller, Hamish French, Brian Rice, Allan Moore — such players could be forgiven for thinking of the game as a means to pay the mortgage rather than a path to glory.

Yet ageing footballers are often showed too little respect. Instead of sinking into cynicism and dreaming only of one last signing-on fee to ease the passage into middle age, most are still able to give themselves to a cause.

Being at Dunfermline, of course, might make it a little easier for them to believe that football will enrich their lives. The ground is an appealing anachronism, with a single stand and terracing on three sides, that reminds you of the 1960s, when Jock Stein was one of the managers, when the Scottish Cup was won twice, when Everton could be beaten in European competition, when the team reached the semi-finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Even now, the players know they are part of a distinguished club. Laden with debt though it is, Dunfermline has the potential to enhance the premier division, as the attendance of 13,183 on Saturday proved. In the short term, however, the team will simply have to survive and, given the inadequacies, next season may be one long test of their powers of resistance.

## Haynes signals start of new era for Hayes

Carshalton Athletic ..... 0  
Hayes ..... 3

By WALTER GAMMIE

WHEN a stunning left-footed volley by Junior Haynes angled into the top left corner of the Carshalton Athletic net, it brought Hayes the Icis League championship and promotion to the Vauxhall Conference at Colston Avenue on Saturday.

The goal, in the 75th minute, was all-important. It meant that the 84th minute winner scored by Ian Richardson for Enfield at Yeovil Town was not enough — as it would have been if Hayes had won only 2-0. The clubs would then have been level on goal difference and a hard-fought title would have been Enfield's for scoring more goals.

"That was the best goal I've seen in my life," Terry Brown, the elated Hayes manager, said. He knew it was good enough to clinch the title by

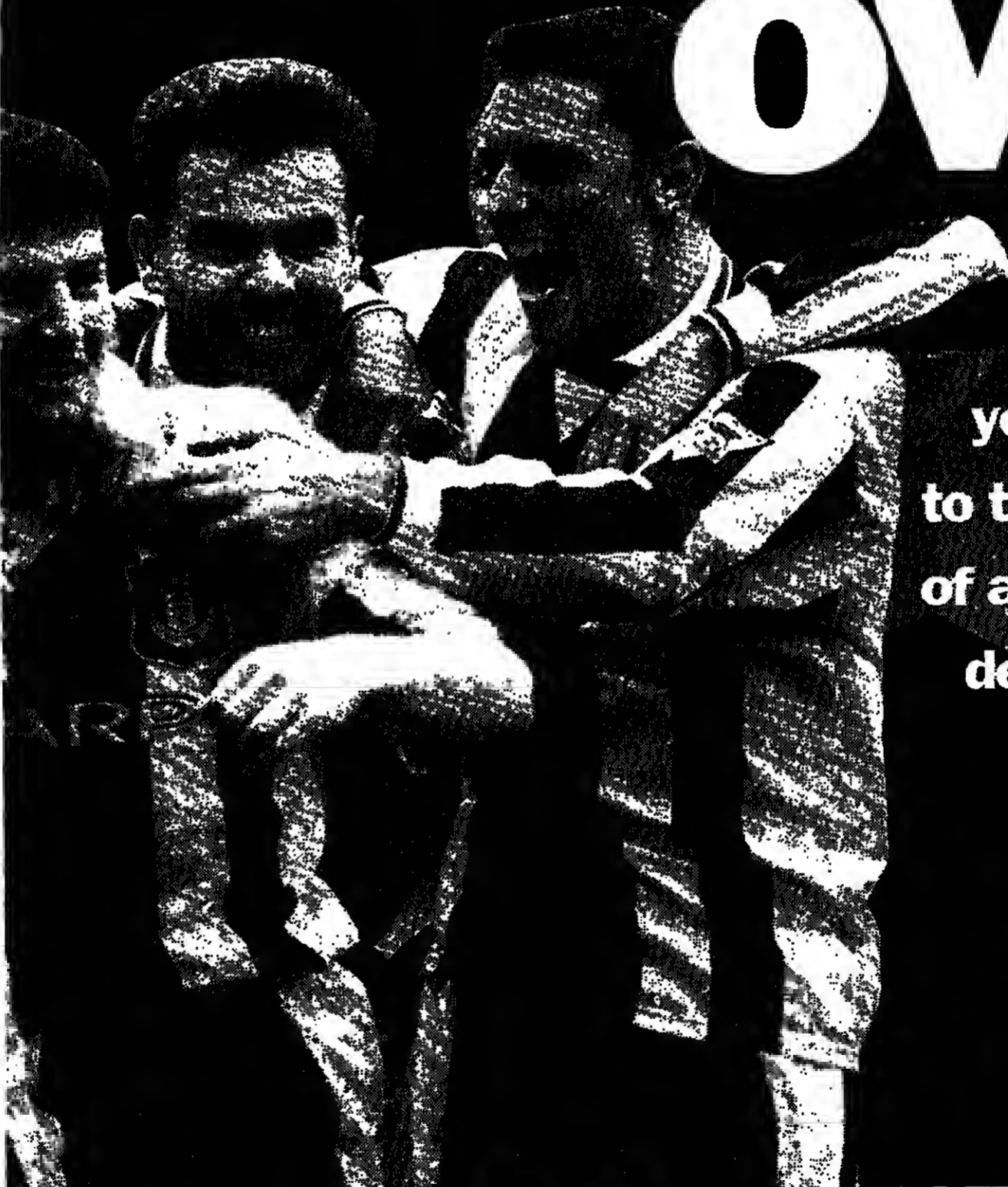
keeping an eye on Willy Wordsworth, his assistant, sitting in the stand opposite the dugout, who was in touch by mobile phone with Dave Killock, the club scout, who was at Huish Park.

Throughout, despite the tension of the day, Hayes played with remarkable freedom, summed up by two first-half goals headed in by Gary Williams. The final flourish ensured Hayes's 25-match unbeaten run to the season's end brought a fitting reward.

CARSHALTON ATHLETIC (5-2-3): L. Cleary; N. Robson (sub: S. Eno); J. Smith; E. Saunders; M. Hargreaves; P. Clark; S. Daley — J. Hayes; J. Upjohn — S. Bannister (sub: G. Bowyer, 50); F. Vines; A. Saito.  
HAYES (4-4-2): R. Meena; D. Wilkinson; J. Goodillie; A. Cox (sub: J. Hayes, 89); J. Brady; M. Trenchard; F. Hyatt; S. Baker (sub: J. Soper, 81); L. Flynn — D. Pearce; G. Williams.  
Referee: E. Green

□ Rushden and Diamonds will join Hayes in the Conference after winning the Beazer Homes League, a 3-2 victory over Merthyr Tydfil before a crowd of 4,664 at Nene Park securing their success.

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Insolvency assistance not available

In re Focus Insurance Co Ltd. Before Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor. (Judgment March 12) The English insolvency court would not assist the insolvency courts of another country pursuant to section 426(4) of the Insolvency Act 1986 where the relief sought was in relation to a person subject to a bankruptcy order in England...

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that Mr Hardy had been a director of Focus Insurance Co Ltd, a company carrying on general insurance and reinsurance business in Bermuda...

The liquidator brought an action against Mr Hardy for damages for breach of his fiduciary duties as a director of Focus. On the same day the Bermuda court granted a worldwide Mareva injunction against Mr Hardy restraining him from disposing of his assets and requiring disclosure of their whereabouts...

proceedings against Mr Hardy in England and on June 10, 1993 a bankruptcy order was made. Focus's debt represented 99.9 per cent of the total amount of the creditors' debts. On November 3, 1995 the liquidators obtained an order from the Bermuda court for the trustee to make an order pursuant to section 426 of the 1986 Act...

His Lordship considered in re Dalhousie Estates (1992) BCLC 621 and In re BCCI (No 9) (1994) 3 All ER 764 and concluded that the court should assist unless there was a compelling reason not to do so. Once bankruptcy had intervened it was the function of the trustee in bankruptcy to obtain information about the assets. The judgment debt was no longer recoverable by the various processes normally available for the satisfaction of a judgment debt...

success in obtaining. But, of course, they would remit the net proceeds having deducted the expenses to themselves of obtaining the proceeds. That did not seem to his Lordship to be entirely satisfactory. If a trustee in bankruptcy realised assets of the bankrupt the trustee would be accountable to the creditors and, in some circumstances, in the bankrupt, for what had been done.

There was no authority on the point, but the circumstances were perhaps peculiar to make that a matter of any surprise. It seemed to his Lordship that the inconsistency between what was now sought by the liquidators and the status of Focus as a creditor in an English bankruptcy did constitute good reason why he should not make the order sought. There was, moreover, an element of oppression in that whatever order might be made obliging Mr Hardy to provide information, documents and so forth to the joint liquidators for the purposes of the Bermuda liquidation, Mr Hardy would be asked by the trustee in bankruptcy to repeat the process for the purposes of the English bankruptcy. It seemed oppressive that that should happen twice.

Mid Kent Holdings plc v General Utilities plc

Before Mr Justice Knox (Judgment April 30) A private person had no right of action under the Fair Trading Act 1973 or under the general law to bring proceedings in enforcement of undertakings given to the secretary of state following a report by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission...

Accordingly, it was not a case in which it would be proper for the court to provide the Bermudian court with the assistance it sought for the purpose for which it sought it. The liquidators of Focus, having decided to pursue English bankruptcy as the means of getting in their assets, were entitled to rely on his Lordship's judgment, then and now, and pursue remedies which were inconsistent with the bankruptcy that they had commenced. The application under section 426(4) of the 1986 Act would be dismissed. Solicitors: D. J. Freeman.

Private person cannot enforce undertaking

That conclusion was based in turn on the commission's conclusion that the defendants' holding of just under 30 per cent of the plaintiff's issued share capital, into which the original holdings of shareholders in Mid Kent had been converted, gave the defendants the ability materially to influence the policy of Mid Kent within the meaning of section 65(3) of the 1973 Act.

Remediating breach of tenant's covenant. Savva and Another v Housein. Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Aldous and Sir John (Judgment April 24) A tenant's breach of a negative covenant was capable of remedy for the purposes of section 146(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 if the harm caused by the breach could be effectively remedied.

Test for allowing supply of pharmaceutical services

Regina v Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, Ex parte Baker. Before Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC (Judgment March 26) The test for granting an application to supply pharmaceutical services did not create two distinct alternative methods for determining the adequacy of present provision...

Lord Justice Aldous, agreeing, said that it followed that Mr Justice Munby's statement in Billson Residential Apartments Ltd (1993) 69 P & CR 392, 409 that "the breach of covenant... was not capable of remedy" could not be supported. The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the landlords, George and Annala Savva, against the decision of Judge Cotran at Central London County Court on November 1, 1994 to dismiss a claim for possession against the tenant, Kemal Housein, for breaching covenants not to put up signs or make alterations to the property without consent...

Disclosure of patent experiments

Electrolux Northern Ltd and Another v Black & Decker. Before Mr Justice Laddie (Judgment April 25) Disclosure by a party to a patent action, that he had conducted other experiments, on which he had chosen not to rely, should not normally lead a court to draw any inference as to what such experiments might have proved.

Lord Justice Laddie said that our system proceeded on the basis that each party put before the court the material which it believed supported its case or undermined its opponent's. Even if advised that its case was weak, no party was obliged to call witnesses, whether of fact or of expertise, hostile to it. Experiments in patent actions should be considered against that background. In many cases, this was one such, where the defendants failed to support the propositions for which they were advanced or were shown to have no probative value either way. Frequently, experiments were conducted for a variety of reasons: for example, "to clear one's mind", "experimental technique too vulnerable", "a better or simpler way of proving the point"; "appear to support the other side's case and I would take much complicated evidence to prove such appearance was misleading"; or "the expert concerned would make a dreadful witness". Since the courts would penalise reliance on unnecessary experiments (see Pall Corporation v Commercial Hydraulics (Bedford) Ltd (1993) FSR 329 where both sides were penalised, all the experiments being held valueless) it was the lawyers' duty to advise clients to justify any experiment which was not clearly necessary to the case. So it would be wrong for the court to infer that withdrawal of an experiment proved the other side's case or was damaging to its own. So what would be the result of forcing the withdrawal to disclose the abandoned experiment? In the passion of litigation, the other side could lose little by applying for full discovery, putting the withdrawal in a clear light. Honeywell raised the likelihood of the court drawing an adverse inference. It would have to disclose not only details of the experiment but also why it had been jettisoned. If the major reason was "advice of counsel and solicitors" must it waive priority? If the decision was based in part on advice of an expert not on its list of experts, must it apply for leave to put in evidence from him to explain his advice? And if the experiment was equivocal, must it carry out further experiments to show it was right to believe there were good, non-incriminating, grounds for jettisoning? Was the court going to add to the burden of the trial the time and expense of considering whether, as sensible, non-incriminating grounds? Further, if that reasoning held good for experiments, why should it not hold for witnesses, including expert ones? For those reasons, and with regret, his Lordship could not agree with the broad part of the Honeywell decision, in so far as it imposed a general duty on parties to disclose either abandoned experiments or other endeavours to find any other form of evidence. Solicitors: Needham & Grant; Everheds.

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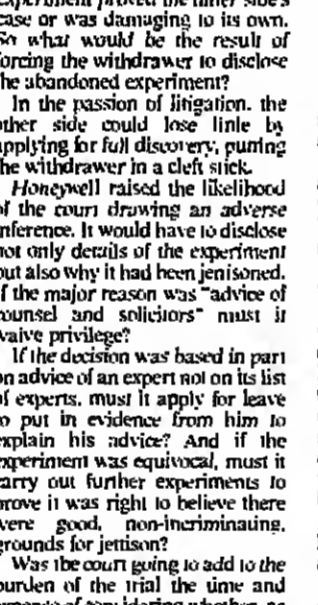
Insurers might recover against drunken drivers

Criminal proceedings against Bernádez. Case C-129/94. Before D. A. O. Edwards, President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges J. P. Pouchet, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, L. Sevón and M. Wathelet. Advocate General C. O. Lenz (Opinion January 25) (Judgment March 28) Except in circumstances specified in a Community directive, a compulsory insurance contract could not provide that in certain cases, in particular where the driver of a vehicle was intoxicated, the insurer was not obliged to pay compensation for damage to property and personal injuries caused to third parties by the insured vehicle. It could, however, provide that in such cases the insurer was to have a right of recovery against the insured.

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insurance must enable third party victims of accidents caused by vehicles to be compensated for all damages to property and personal injuries sustained by them, up to the amounts fixed in article 12) of the second directive. Any other interpretation would have the effect of allowing member states to limit payment of compensation to third party victims of a road traffic accident to certain types of damage, thus bringing about disparities in the treatment of victims depending on where the accident had occurred, which was precisely what the directives were intended to avoid. Article 31) of the first directive would then be deprived of its effectiveness. That being so, article 31) of the first directive precluded an insurer from being able to rely on statutory provisions or contractual clauses to refuse to compensate third party victims of an accident caused by the insured vehicle. In that context, the first subparagraph of article 21) of the second directive recalled that obligation with respect to provisions or clauses in a policy excluding from insurance the use or driving of vehicles in particular cases: persons not authorised to drive the vehicle, persons not holding a driving licence, persons in breach of the statutory technical requirements concerning the condition and safety of the vehicle. However, by way of derogation from that obligation, the second and third subparagraphs of article 21) provided that certain persons could be excluded from compensation by the insurer, having regard to the situation they had caused by their negligence, entering a vehicle which they knew to have been stolen or to the compensation they could claim elsewhere (victims who could obtain compensation from a social security body). In contrast, article 31) of the first directive precluded statutory provisions or contractual clauses under which it was possible for the insurer to claim against the insured in certain cases. That applied in particular to provisions or clauses which allowed the insurer to claim against the insured with a view to recovering the sums paid to the victim of a road traffic accident caused by an intoxicated driver. On those grounds, the Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice ruled: Article 31) of the first directive was to be interpreted as meaning that, without prejudice to the provisions of article 21) of the second directive, a compulsory insurance contract could not provide that in certain cases, in particular where the driver of the vehicle was intoxicated, the insurer was not obliged to pay compensation for the damage to property and personal injuries caused to third parties by the insured vehicle. It could, on the other hand, provide that in such cases the insurer was to have a right of recovery against the insured.

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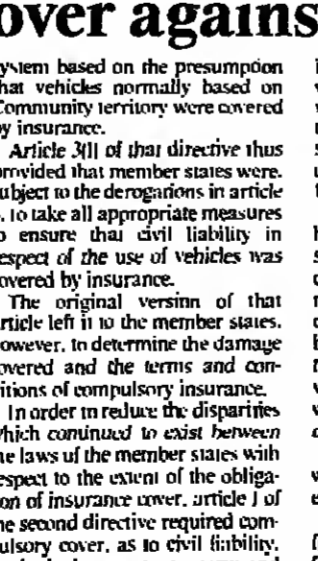
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absolved from liability to pay compensation, on the basis of a Spanish law which excluded from cover damage in property caused where the driver was intoxicated. Questions were referred on the interpretation of provisions of Council Directive 72/166/EEC of April 24, 1972 on the approximation of the laws of the member states relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles, and in the enforcement of the obligation to insure against such liability (I), English Special Edition 1972 (II), p.369) the first directive, and Council Directive 84/5/EEC of December 30, 1983 (OJ 1984 L8, p.17) (the second directive) and 90/232/EEC of May 14, 1990 (OJ 1990 L129, p.33) (the third directive), the second and third directives being on the approximation of the laws of the member states relating to insurance against civil liability in respect of the use of motor vehicles. In its judgment the Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice held: The Preamble to the directives showed that their aim was, first, to ensure the free movement of vehicles normally based on Community territory and of persons travelling in those vehicles, and, second, to guarantee that the victims of accidents caused by those vehicles received comparable treatment irrespective of where in the Community the accident had occurred. For that purpose the first directive, having regard to the agreement between the national insurers' bureaux, established a

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system based on the presumption that vehicles normally based on Community territory were covered by insurance. Article 31) of that directive thus provided that member states were subject to the derogations in article 4, to take all appropriate measures to ensure that civil liability in respect of the use of vehicles was covered by insurance. The original version of that article left it to the member states, however, to determine the damage covered and the terms and conditions of compulsory insurance. In order to reduce the disparities which continued to exist between the laws of the member states with respect to the extent of the obligation of insurance cover, article 1) of the second directive required compulsory cover, as to civil liability, for both damage to property and personal injuries, up to specified sums. Article 1) of the third directive extended that obligation to cover for personal injuries to passengers other than the driver. Article 14) of the second directive also improved the protection of victims by requiring the member states to set up or authorise bodies responsible for providing compensation for damage to property or personal injuries caused by unidentified or uninsured vehicles. In view of the aim of ensuring protection, stated repeatedly in the directives, article 31) of the first directive, as developed and supplemented by the second and third directives, was to be interpreted as meaning that compulsory motor

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Despite appearances, Lisa Eichhorn will soon be playing Monroe on stage. Daniel Rosenthal reports

# Perfectly misfitted to be Marilyn

As an up-and-coming film actress at the tail end of the Seventies, Lisa Eichhorn wanted to be the next Ingrid Bergman. The great Hollywood director George Cukor saw her on stage in 1982 and described her as Garboesque. Now, the former American at Oxford and star of *Yanks* is inviting comparisons with a third screen goddess: Marilyn Monroe.

Eichhorn, her brown hair dyed blonde, has flown from Manhattan to Manchester to portray Monroe in the world premiere of a play which dramatises the fraught production of what was to be her final film, Arthur Miller's bittersweet Western, *The Misfits*.

Set in 1960, in the 100-degree heat of Nevada, *Misfits*, by Texan playwright Alex Finkelson, depicts Monroe approaching her lowest ebb. When she and Miller joined John Huston, Clark Gable and Montgomery Clift in Reno, their marriage was foundering and Monroe was increasingly dependent on barbiturates and her acting coach, Paula (wife of Lee) Strasberg. The play shows a pill-guzzling star jeopardising the completion of the picture.

"*Misfits* is Alex's imaginative vision of those two months in Nevada, not a black and white account," Eichhorn says. "My research has taught me that everybody remembers very different 'facts' about the same events in Marilyn's life, so you can't have a definitive version." "The people I've spoken to who knew Marilyn — including Kenneth, her hairdresser, and the actress Shelley Winters — say she was the nicest person they ever met. But she had a lot of demons. When she came to *The Misfits* she was also profoundly disappointed by her marriage to Miller. The union of intellectual god and sex goddess was not working."

In his autobiography Miller said he created Roslyn, the divorcee who finds hope in *The Misfits* with Gable's ageing cowboy, as "a gift" to his troubled wife. But Eichhorn believes the great playwright was wrong to incorporate elements of Marilyn's life, such as her early nude modelling and intense, unfulfilled desire for children, in Roslyn. "Those aspects of the part must have felt gruesome for Marilyn, like a terrible betrayal," she says. "But she still produced a magical performance that lets the camera into Roslyn's soul." At 44, Eichhorn is ten years older than Monroe was in 1960, slimmer and finer-

featured. She will wear replicas of Monroe's costumes and has been working on the uniquely breathy voice and "liquid movement", but promises an interpretation rather than an impersonation. "There will be people who see me and say: 'She's too short', or 'She doesn't sound right'. But I hope they'll appreciate the quality of Alex's writing."

Although Eichhorn might fare poorly in a Monroe lookalike contest, her experience of Hollywood has given her an affinity with Marilyn that goes beyond their shared membership of the Strasbergs Actors Studio in New York. "I could have gone the way of pills and drink, as Marilyn did," she says.

After growing up amid the steel plants and stocking factories of Reading, Pennsylvania, she read English and Drama at Queen's University, Ontario. A one-year Rotary scholarship then took her to St Peter's College, Oxford, where she "fell in love" with England and excelled in student productions, including a *Tempest* directed by Mel Smith. The young Alan Rickman told her to audition for Rada. She won a place and, supported through her training by a wealthy, theatre-loving friend of her grandmother, did repertory theatre in Hornchurch, Bolton and Windsor.

In 1979 her agent told her that John Schlesinger was searching for an unknown to play Richard Gere's wartime Lancashire lover in *Yanks*. The successful candidate, she was told, would be 21, British and a virgin. Eichhorn was 27, American and, after a short-lived marriage to Rada tutor John Curless, a divorcee. So she lied about her nationality, put on a flawless Lancashire accent for the screen test and got the part. *Yanks* earned her a Golden Globe nomination and roles in *Cutter's Way*, with Jeff Bridges, and *The Europeans*. When she was cast opposite Gene Hackman in a romantic drama called *All Night Long*, further success seemed imminent. What followed was a classic illustration of star power.

Several weeks after *All Night Long* went into production, Barbra Streisand let it be known that she wanted Eichhorn's part and shooting was immediately suspended. "I was phoned by the producer at last and told I'd been fired and replaced by Streisand," Eichhorn says. "It felt like death. Suddenly, I believed I'd somehow failed in *Yanks* and the other pictures."



Lisa Eichhorn, hair dyed blonde for the part, takes on the spirit of Marilyn Monroe in *Misfits*

*All Night Long's* disastrous box office performance was no consolation. Even after another 15 years of steady cinema, television and stage work, and with three new films awaiting release, Eichhorn cannot forget the huge impact of her dismissal. "I'd reached that point in Hollywood where either you take hold of things or they take hold of you. I was in danger of going into the kind of downward spiral that Marilyn experienced. I survived, but Marilyn's childhood had left her damaged. She was easy prey to the star system. In some ways it's a miracle she lasted as long as she did." *Misfits* opens on Thursday at the Royal Exchange, Manchester (0161 833 9833)

# Warm, rich and mellow

**BLUES**

**Jimmy Witherspoon**  
 Jazz Café, NW1

MELLOW is a word usually associated with coffee nowadays, which is a pity as it sums up the appeal of this veteran blues singer. Again mellow may not seem appropriate for one of the last of the blues shouters — a tradition that stretches back to the prewar stylings of Big Joe Turner and Jimmy Rushing.

But this was shouting tempered by age, experience and illness. "I had radiation treatment on my throat and turned an octave lower," said Jimmy, reminding us of his successful battle against throat cancer 17 years ago.

He started slowly, if a little unsurely, with *Gee Baby, Ain't I Good To You* before slipping effortlessly into Amos Milburn's *One Scotch, One Bourbon, One Beer*. Then came a well-thumbed succession of blues standards with Witherspoon, his voice stronger and more confident and still capable of the velvet growl that marked his work in the Fifties and Sixties, skipping from *Trouble in Mind* to *Cherry Red Blues* and from *I'm Gonna Move to the Outskirts of Town* to *Every Day I Have the Blues*.

As a performer, Witherspoon has found it easy to move from blues to jazz. Unfortunately his jazz-based backing group of piano, bass, drums and sax found the journey more difficult. They were fine on the slower numbers but when the tempo quickened, with Witherspoon switching from *Big Boss Man* to *Hi-Heel Sneakers*, there was a crying need for a decent blues guitarist and a pianist with a strong left hand.

Still, it didn't faze Jimmy, an artist who, he told us, first discovered the blues in Calcutta when he was a



Fine form: Veteran Jimmy Witherspoon

Blues. Namely dressed in a pin-striped suit, the 72-year-old looked like a benign South American dictator as he ended the evening as he began it, with some quiet and reflective pieces including *A Wonderful World*, the Louis Armstrong hit he had already performed earlier in the set but had decided to reprise because, "it's my favourite song".

It was an evening that was rich and warming — like perhaps, a good strong cup of coffee.

JOHN CLARKE

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**SCHUBERT'S WINTERREISE**  
 by Alan Blyth

Schubert's second song cycle, to the poetry of Wilhelm Müller, depicts the bleak winter journey of a rejected lover, tramping his way forlornly across a winter landscape.

There are, incredibly, more than 50 versions in the catalogue, most of them by baritone or basses, a few by tenors — and four by mezzo-sopranos of whom Brigitte Fassbaender, in a searing, highly idiosyncratic and very free reading (EMI CDC7 49846-2), is by far the most convincing: an obsessed, deeply despondent soul, making a strong case for a female interpreter whatever the texts may tell us to the contrary.

The first recording of all, made in 1933 by Gerhard Hüsch (Preisler 89202), represents the old, respected, honestly sung tradition of his era. This was succeeded by the more haunted and troubled readings, five of them, by the towering figure of Hans Hotter, the best of which, his EMI version of 1954 (CDH7 61002-2) with Gerald Moore, remains an engrossing performance.

His famous successor, Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, made no fewer than eight versions, each in its own way revelatory. Of those available at present, choose the DG budget-label version with Daniel Barenboim (DG Klassikon 439 432-2), made in



1980 with the singer at the peak of his powers and Barenboim providing deeply considered playing. In his brand new reading, more contained and poignant than Fischer-Dieskau's, Wolfgang Holzmair has Imogen Cooper as his discerning partner (Philips 446 607-2). Other restrained performances are those with a fortepiano accompaniment. Among these, Ernst Dähler, with Jorg-Ewald Dähler playing a sweet-toned instrument of 1820, is remarkable for frugal, unsophisticated interpretation (Claves CD 50-2008).

Among modern tenors none touches the great Peter Schreier, who has recorded the cycle twice. Wonderful as it is, his earlier, live recording with Richter has been overtaken by his 1991 Decca version with Andras Schiff as an eloquently imagined partner (Decca 436 122-2, £14.95). In verbal acuity and tonal intensity Schreier's reading has the edge over even Fischer-Dieskau, as it is sung in the keys originally intended by Schubert.

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# Dark and joyful happening

**CONCERTS**

**Birtwistle Festival**  
 South Bank

AS THE South Bank's Harrison Birtwistle Retrospective steered towards its close through a series of premieres, it also lived up to its name by looking back at a clutch of the composer's concertos. His trumpet work, *Endless Parade*, was skipped over, but on Wednesday and Thursday the more recent pieces featuring saxophone, tuba and piano were heard.

After giving an early-evening performance of *Panic*, the dense score written only for last year's Proms but already notching up repeated airings, Franz Welser-Möst and the London Philharmonic reappeared on Wednesday night for *The Cry of Anubis*. As much a tone poem as a tuba concerto, it evokes a procession of the dead led by Anubis, the jackal-headed overseer of the underworld in Egyptian mythology. The darksome music, rooted loosely around sombre D minor, is at once beautiful and frightening.

There are moments when time seems to stop, but the score is much more than shadowy orchestral sonorities: at the climax the tuba's rapidly-fired notes are answered by volleys on the timpani. Owen Slade was a virtuosic soloist, and Welser-Möst controlled his forces expertly.

The following evening Peter Eötvös took charge of the more substantial — indeed, extraordinarily complex — *Antiphonies* in a performance that reunited Joanna MacGregor and the Philharmonia, the pianist and orchestra responsible for its premiere three years ago. *Antiphonies* has no programme: it is music

that "happens", and in its fascinating way manages to sound simultaneously anguished and joyful. The half-hour score gives the soloist no respite until resolving itself quietly, and the indomitable MacGregor seemed to relish her role as mediator between sections of the orchestra.

Eötvös coupled Birtwistle with a solid programme of Stravinsky and Bartók, and directed the latter's early *Four Pieces for Orchestra* with an ear for its rich colours and textures. He is a precise conductor, but one listened in vain for tighter ensemble from the vast orchestra.

Welser-Möst's LPO programme surrounded the D minorish *Anubis* with three Mozart works, all in D major or minor. Radu Lupu was the soloist in the Concerto Rondo, K382 and the Concerto No 20, K466. He confirmed his reputation as a glowing, natural Mozartian in the first piece, but in spite of many magical moments in the second was so headstrong that some of its richness escaped him.

The conductor was no help, and apparently has little to say about Mozart. In the outer movements of the *Haffner* Symphony he mistook speed for dramatic excitement. So much Mozart from him in one evening was too much of a mediocre thing.

JOHN ALLISON

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### The possibility of getting something from nothing

# A puzzle solved?

A PHYSICIST at Cambridge University has produced a new and daring explanation of an old puzzle. If she is right, it could be the first convincing evidence that it is possible to get something from nothing.

The question Claudia Eberlein addresses in a forthcoming issue of *Physical Review Letters* is that of sonoluminescence, first identified 70 years ago. If you expose water to a blast of ultrasound, you get a flash of light. This is deeply puzzling, because visible light has so much more energy than sound that the energy of the sound has somehow to be boosted a trillionfold. Explaining how has occupied a lot of effort. The conventional view is that the sound waves generate tiny bubbles which then collapse, emitting bursts of light lasting less than 12 billionths of a second. The wavelength of the light emitted implies that their source is at a temperature of tens of thousands of degrees C — about the temperature of the surface of the Sun.

If this sounds implausible, Ms Eberlein's explanation is likely to be even more so. She suggests that the emission of the light is a so-called quantum vacuum effect — energy given off by a vacuum. Quantum theory says that there is in reality no such thing as a vacuum, and that empty space teems with



SCIENCE BRIEFING  
Nigel Hawkes

"virtual particles" including photons, which flit in and out of existence. The idea that sonoluminescence might be a quantum vacuum effect came first from the Nobel Prize-winning physicist Julian Schwinger. Ms Eberlein argues that if the traditional explanation was right, the huge temperatures would break the surrounding water into its constituent atoms — and it does not. She suggests instead that it is the accelerating front of water in the collapsing bubble that manages to turn virtual photons into real ones. Her calculations show that if this were happening, the characteristics of the light emitted would closely resemble that observed in sonoluminescence.

The theory is open to test, she says, by analysing the distribution over time of the photons emitted, which should contain evidence of their origin.

If it turns out to be right, her explanation will be a major coup, the first observable manifestation of quantum vacuum radiation. Physicists, many of whom have been uneasy about the idea of tiny bubbles as hot as the Sun, would be pretty pleased. "This would come as a bit of a relief," Dr Peter Knight of Imperial College told *New Scientist*.

### There's a soup in my worm

THE New Zealand flatworm, introduced to Britain by accident more than 30 years ago, destroys our native earthworms by wrapping itself around them and secreting an enzyme that turns them into a kind of soup. A horrible death, and the effects could be serious. If the native earthworms are destroyed, the productivity of the soil will fall.

Dr Derek Cossens and colleagues from the University of Edinburgh have set out to discover just how destructive *Arthroposthia triangulata* really is. They didn't have to travel far, using the lawns of the King's Buildings on the Edinburgh campus as an experimental area. By sampling different areas of lawn, at varying distances from the borders where the flatworms were assumed to have been introduced, they were able to track their progress and the rate at which they slaughtered earthworms.

The conclusion, published in the *Journal of the Zoological Society of London*, is that each flatworm kills 0.67 of an earthworm every week. Although this is a lower rate than found in laboratory experiments, that is not very consoling to gardeners or farmers. The team's conclusion is that the flatworms actively search for the earthworms by slithering down their tunnels, and will hunt them to the point of extinction.

### Meat and cancer risks

NATIONS where meat-eating is part of the culture tend to have higher rates of colon cancer, and some studies have suggested that the risk is linked to red meat. The reason for this association has, however, never been clear. Now an experiment at the Dunn Clinical Nutrition Centre at Cambridge has thrown suspicion on nitrosamines, chemicals that are known to be carcinogenic.

The team recruited eight male volunteers who were fed on diets either high or low in meat. The moderate consumers were given only 60 grams of beef, lamb, or pork a day, while those at the other extreme were fed ten times as much. The amount of fat in both diets was the same, and the diets were low in amines.

The amounts of nitroso compounds excreted by the volunteers were measured, and this showed that a diet high in red meat increased the amounts threefold. White meat and fish had no effect. The team concludes in the journal *Carcinogenesis* that high consumption of red meat increases the production of these compounds in the intestine, the first time this has ever been demonstrated. The amounts of the nitroso compounds produced are substantial, producing a lifetime exposure of the same order as the lowest doses found to cause cancer in rodents.



Children very quickly realise, as do chimpanzees, that the reflection in the mirror is an image of themselves. Monkeys are unable to grasp that fact

# Baby...it's you

### An experiment with chimpanzees and mirrors has helped us to understand how children first become aware of themselves. Dr Adam Zeman reports

Then the eyes of both were opened and they knew that they were naked. When our biblical ancestors took of the fruit and ate, humanity received the dangerous gift of self-knowledge. Self-consciousness might be thought an unprizing target for science, but over the past 25 years a number of psychologists have taken an interest in self-awareness among our primate cousins as well as its

emergence in the course of human childhood. In 1970 an American animal psychologist, Gordon Gallup, who works with primates, the mammalian "order" comprising prosimians, monkeys, apes and man, became interested in what primates understood, or could learn, about reflections. He noticed that if chimpanzees were allowed to see themselves in a mirror, they started by treating their reflection as an intruder in the cage. But they rapidly learnt that the reflection was, in fact, their own image.

Their perceptiveness should not surprise us greatly: chimps are, of course, our closest living relatives. But Gallup observed that monkeys, possessors of much smaller brains than chimps, were unable to learn that mirrors showed them their own reflections, even after periods of exposure numbering thousands of hours. He followed up these observations with a simple but powerful experiment. After administering a general anaesthetic, he painted marks on the chimps and monkeys in positions in which they could only be seen with the aid of a mirror. Great care was taken to ensure that the paint was non-irritant and odourless. When they had recovered from their anaesthetic, chimps rapidly noticed the marks in the mirror and examined them in great detail: monkeys never did so.

These findings have been confirmed repeatedly since and extended to a range of other animals. The experiments are described in an absorbing collection of essays, *Self Awareness in Animals and Man* (Cambridge University Press, 1994).

The chimp's mental world, unlike the monkey's, is large enough to include "itself" — its body — in its conception of reality: the chimp has an "idea of me", of however primitive a kind. Chimps recognise themselves in mirrors from between the ages of two and three years. Human children are quicker off the mark, achieving success in tests akin to Gallup's experiments at around 18 months.

A cluster of other achievements over the months that follow indicated the flowering of the child's idea of me: children master the first person pronoun, and begin to exchange roles in play. An interest in self-adornment makes its first appearance. It can be no coincidence that the remarkable discovery of bloody-mindedness by the two-year-old child coincides with these other, more wel-

come, advances. Acquiring an "idea of me" has other implications for emotions and relationships. It facilitates what have been described as second order — or self-evaluative — emotions. First order emotions, such as joy, anger, sadness, interest, disgust and fear do not presuppose any self-evaluation. By contrast, embarrassment, envy, pride, guilt and shame all require a sense of the self.

The idea of self, which implies the idea of "other", deepens relationships. It is significant that children first try to comfort distressed companions at about the age of 18 months.

By the age of two the human child, like the chimp, has taken a substantial step towards self-knowledge. But there is still some way to go, further, perhaps, than the chimp can go.

In our everyday thinking, we constantly attribute mental states to one another, and to ourselves. I have just eaten a peanut bar because I was hungry, and know, that I like, the taste of the variety I remembered stashing away. The words italicised refer to mental states. Without such notions we would be at a loss to explain most human behaviour. The knowledge that underpins our use of mental terms has been described as a "theory of mind".

The two-year-old's theory of mind is growing but incomplete. In particular, two and three-year-olds lack an understanding of beliefs and how we acquire them. Shown a packet of Smarties that turns out — to their surprise — to be full of pencils, three-year-olds consistently say that a newcomer will think the box is full of pencils.

Four-year-olds possess a much richer understanding of the limited perspective from which we gather knowledge, and of the errors and deceptions this can lead to. They have enlarged their "awareness of awareness" into a concept of experience: more akin to yours and mine.

If we were deprived of this awareness we would suffer from a disabling psychological blindness. An outstanding recent study by the British psychologist Simon Baron-Cohen, *Mind Blindness* (MIT Press, 1995) summarises the evidence that this is exactly the predicament of children with autism.

The term autism describes a broad spectrum of childhood disorders which have in common an impoverishment of social interaction, language development and imaginative

play. Most students of these conditions agree that children suffering from autism have damaged or disordered brains, but the condition is compatible with high intelligence and the underlying "lesion" must be a very selective one.

Simon Baron-Cohen and others have suggested that the key psychological impairment in sufferers from these conditions is an inability to "read minds" in the accomplished manner of the average or even the retarded four-year-old. The autistic children studied by Baron-Cohen often develop a concept of the simpler mental states such as wanting and seeing. But the trickier notions of belief and pretence, of the

sources of knowledge and the means of concealment, of the distinctions between appearance and reality, between dream worlds and our waking one, baffle them.

By the time they are five, most children have a richly developed consciousness of self. When they look in the mirror they see both a body and a mind. Whether their complex idea of self evolved as a weapon in the eternal battle to manipulate others, or to facilitate teaching and learning — currently the two main rival hypotheses — may never be entirely clear.

But the work of Gallup, Baron-Cohen and their colleagues teaches us that self-awareness can be studied fruitfully, has a natural history and is a fragile biological achievement.

Dr Adam Zeman, a neurologist in Cambridge and Norwich, is writing an Introduction to Consciousness which will be published by Routledge.

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### 'Children look in a mirror and see both a body and a mind'

"If you're being picked on, tell the teacher." But you are the teacher.

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# A voyage round his daughter

Rumpole's creator is being eclipsed by his daughter. Rachel Kelly met her

At the moment, Emily Mortimer is most famous for being John Mortimer's daughter. But soon she may cease to be introduced as his offspring, and he may have to accept being known as her father.



Father: John Mortimer

She has already had the call from Hollywood and this summer stars as Val Kilmer's wife in *The Ghost and the Darkness*. In the film, shot in Africa, she is supposedly consumed by a lion. "He was in a cage for three days without being fed. Then they let him out and tempted him with a frozen chicken. I had to run in front of him, trying not to look like the chicken, as best I could," she recalls from the comfort of an armchair in the Halcyon Hotel in London's Notting Hill, close to her newly-acquired one-bedroom flat.

Like many famous offspring, she is very conscious of an unspoken perception that she has got where she is only because of her father, barrister, author and *Rumpole of the Bailey* creator. But her first thespian break came about in traditional style, when she was spotted in a student

production by a theatrical agent. She had her first television part — as a rich girl in *The Glass Virgin* — secured before she finished finals in 1994 at Oxford. (She read *Russian and English* and got a 2.2.)

"Of course having done interviews, people know that I'm his daughter," she says. "And I'm delighted and chuffed and proud to be. My only fear is that people will be disappointed in me — that I'm not as funny or as clever or such a good egg as him. He is pathetically proud."



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him for constructive, objective criticism. He is pathetically proud. Emily, 24, is John's daughter by his second wife Penelope, by whom he also has an 11-year-old daughter, Rosie. He has two other children by his first wife. "My father secretly wanted to be an actor."

"When he was asked to play Richard II at the Dragon school aged ten, he said it was the best moment of his life. So we share a love of theatre, but our relationship is polite rather than passionate. It's a great friendship."

intense. "We are so similar, and so different, I'm always borrowing her clothes, which drives her mad." Her background implies enormous self-confidence. School was the top academic training ground, St Paul's Girls School in Hammer-smith, West London. Mother and daughter would spend their weeks in a Notting Hill flat, and weekends in Oxfordshire with John. Yet beneath her fluent, sunny exterior, she is riddled with self-doubt.

keep having to have words with myself, I do feel I have to live up to people's expectations of me. I worry about my acting. Actresses all worry anyway. But I didn't go to drama school and I've never done a professional stage play. I'm convinced that someone will discover I'm a useless actress quite soon." Perhaps to cushion any thespian disappointment, she is keeping a few other literary tricks up her sleeve. She is toying with a biography about Chekhov's wife, Olga Knipper, who was the playwright's actress and muse. She would love to return to Russia.

# Crime buster

Giles Whittell on the unusual methods of forensic artist Jeanne Boylan, and how she is beating the police

Jeanne Boylan, America's top forensic artist, appeared briefly on ABC's network news the other night. It was the eve of the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and Ms Boylan was in Oklahoma. She was sitting on a sofa, interviewing a man who delivers Chinese food for a living, sketching a face. When she had finished she showed the sketch to the man, who murmured in baffled wonder: "It's as real as when I saw him."

Her speciality is the retrieval of precious mental snapshots from eyewitnesses' memories. The sketches she produces, often after traditional forensic artists have failed, are dead ringers for some of America's most wanted criminals. If her work weren't so serious it might earn her millions as a variety act. Instead, after helping to solve 7,000 cases in a 15-year career, she is known and trusted at the highest levels of the FBI. When the bureau's trail goes cold — as it often does — hers is the phone that rings.

It was becoming a stressful week. The media had begun to see a common factor in the nation's top three crime stories. Television news vans were staking out the hotel, and rumours were beginning to fly that she was psychic, and was suing the FBI. She is not suing the FBI, but she is suing 35 makers of Unabomber T-shirts who are using her sketch without her permission. For this she has been pilloried as a profiteer. She responds angrily: "Of course I'm not doing this for the money. It's a matter of principle, of what we do to glorify a serial killer."



From left, the police composite of 12-year-old Polly Klaas's alleged killer, Jeanne Boylan's drawing, and the accused man, Richard Allen Davis

Ms Boylan is not a psychic either. Her technique is to handle eyewitnesses' memories like rare porcelain. Nothing is more guaranteed to distort a witness's recollection, she says, than being asked to flip through a folder of 960 chins, ears, eyes and beards. This is the "composite" approach taught by every law enforcement agency in the country, including the FBI.

The results are extraordinary. In the Polly Klaas case the initial police composite sketch of a 6ft 3in man with a headband turned up no leads. Two weeks later Ms Boylan interviewed two of Polly's friends who were with her on the night of her abduction. She produced a radically different portrait of a 5ft 7in man with no headband. When Richard Allen Davis was eventually arrested, Ms Boylan's sketch was described by a local policeman as "eerie — almost like a photo".

Three months later detectives were giving up in the hunt for the killer of a Los Angeles policeman. Ms Boylan was called in to interview witnesses and an arrest was made within days of her sketch. In April 1994 she helped to solve San Francisco's Good Samaritan murder, but only after the mother of the victim (a 23-year-old environmentalist who pursued a street hoodlum after a robbery) failed to persuade the police to hire Ms Boylan, and did so herself.

By the time the Unabomber claimed his last victim last year, the FBI knew all about this softly spoken, one-woman crime-fighting revolution from Oregon. Her sketch of the man who appears to be Ted Kaczynski was made during a six-hour session with a Utah woman who had seen him for one second, seven-and-a-half years earlier. She has come a long way since stumbling on forensic drawing while working part-time at a sheriff's station to pay her way through college. Before becoming a speaker fêted from Moscow to El Salvador, she endured years of sexism and suspicion from police artists and detectives jealous of her results. (Composite sketching has a 20 per cent accuracy rate. Ms Boylan's accuracy rate is in the 90s.) "At meetings I'm ostracised," she told the *Los Angeles Times* two years ago. "If I sit down with them at lunch they move to another table."

Nowadays she dresses down and is thankful for her allies in high places. "It's a long time since I've done a street robbery," she says. "Now I seem to get called in for child killers and serial bombers. It's spooky."

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# Good intentions and gangster chic from Armani

GIORGIO ARMANI invited half a dozen members of the criminal fraternity into his Emporio Armani store in Knightsbridge yesterday. There they watched a new film, ate canapés and mingled with assorted celebrities. This was no shady jamboree held to flatter the egos of powerful but sinister men. Rather it was Mr Armani's sincere attempt to step down from his Milanese ivory tower and involve himself with the real world. Of course, if the Italian tax authorities have their way, the designer will not need to make any special effort. They have their very own programme planned out for him in an Italian jail.



One of the prisoner-designed T-shirts

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But his personal troubles have not deterred him from philanthropic effort. When his "people" in Britain came across a small charity called RAPT, the Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners Trust, they were quick to establish links. Mr Armani himself judged a competition for prisoners to design T-shirts, and now the three winning entries are to be sold for £15 at branches of Emporio Armani. At yesterday's launch, there were six current inmates of Downview and Coldingley medium security prisons, all wearing the designs. Another 20 former prisoners also seized their opportunity to mingle with the likes of John Cleese. Proceeds from the T-shirt sales will go to RAPT, but the charity's main ambition is simply to raise its profile. But it is less clear what the attraction might be for a millionaire designer whose name is synonymous with the good life, and high society. Officially, of course, the staff at Armani decided to become involved because they were "moved" by what they saw of the RAPT programme. But no one can seriously believe that a fashion empire would make such a public connection on an emotional whim. A spokeswoman for Giorgio Armani's London office concedes that the charity had to get with the company's strategic aims. "Obviously, the lifestyle connection is relevant to Armani. Crime affects us all."

and into the mainstream. "So this latest initiative from Armani is wholly appropriate," says Howarth. GRACE BRADBERRY STYLE EDITOR

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### Matthew Parris



I appear to be going through an identity crisis: not my own — not yet, anyway — but other people's

Oh dear. Last week started in confusion and ended in despair. The way my life is going, the errors and apologies will be longer than my autobiography.

Let us begin with Auntie Madge. She and my uncle Lester have been married for 40 years and last Sunday, their daughter Lorna gave a surprise wedding anniversary party for them.

That was Sunday, on Monday, last week's equivalent of this column appeared. It reported an evening out at the musical Cats.

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On Wednesday, Thomas Paton telephoned me at The Times. My Cats programme was out of date, he said. He had not danced the role of Mistofelees, having left Cats to join Grease.

Some years ago my secretary, Mrs Wright, who may soon have to leave her desk and trail around after me like a mental nurse, had endured a week in which I had mistaken all my engagements.

That was Wednesday. I had been looking forward to Thursday, for I had an invitation to a luncheon given by the outgoing Lord Mayor of Westminster, Dame Thora Hird, whom I have always wanted to meet.

whom I recognised, some not. We gathered for a drink before the meal. "One would know Thora Hird instantly," I thought, though I have never met her.

"May I present Matthew Parris," someone said to the majestic creature in blue. She held out her hand.

"Oh, how do you do," I gushed. "I've been a fan of yours for years. I've always wanted to meet you."

"No, I don't think so," I said. "What did he do?"

"He was Chancellor of the Exchequer," she said. "And Chairman of the Conservative Party."

"This was Lady Thorneycroft, I had of course met her late husband, All who knew him respect his memory.

But when you get out of your depth, you panic. I should have explained and apologised, but I thought, "Well, maybe Peter Thorneycroft was married to Thora Hird. Actresses do sometimes keep their stage names."

For one wild moment, it even occurred to me that Douglas Hurd might be Thora's son. I realise that sounds preposterous now but, at the time, funny things cross your mind.

After the local elections a year ago, I discussed the conditions which had in the past led to a loss of office. There is no fixed formula, but each defeated government has suffered from at least five or six of the factors.

"Why my name, Eileen?" I asked.

### The central principles of Tory philosophy live, yet Government faith in them appears to have died

# Cold comfort for cradle-Conservatives

Roman Catholics in Liverpool are divided about the character of the new archbishop who would like to succeed the late Derek Worlock. Some want a continuation of his ecumenical and socially left-wing leadership, and would like another archbishop of the same sympathy.

Some people argue the former case. Tony Blair often says that the Government has moved to the right. Tony Blair is an interesting political commentator, shrewd about many things, but he cannot justify this proposition.

There were a lot of Conservatives before the local elections, and maybe even more after them, who would exactly endorse that Liverpool sentence.

William Rees-Mogg

# When decency is not enough

Peter Riddell says that the Prime Minister's doggedly fair image is almost his last hope



John Major's main weakness as a politician is that he believes in fairness. He has little of the worldly-wise cynicism of, say, Michael Heseltine, or the damn-them-all robustness of Kenneth Clarke.

Mr Major believes he is being treated unfairly by much of the media, by his critics in the Conservative Party and by the Opposition. However steelily he claims to have become, he still feels criticism personally.

Mr Major has a point. Many of his press and party critics seem to be in a fantasy world, demanding shifts in a "true blue" direction which would make Tory divisions even worse. As I have argued before, the Major Government is not nearly as bad as its critics allege.

The other two indicators — having the will to govern and offering a clear direction on policy — could at best be described as ambiguous, though both are now moving away from the Tories. And I would now add a ninth precondition for defeat: a decline in party organisation, membership and finances.

On each of these occasions, the party regrouped quickly and was back in office within half a dozen weeks. The only real parallel with now is the collapse of the Balfour Government in 1905. This was followed by a decade of Tory infighting over leadership and policy, and loss of credibility as an alternative government which was only really ended by the First World War.

often are, misrepresented. Conservative beliefs centre on concepts of duty, family, respect for law, low government, low taxation, national independence, business opportunity, individualism, liberty. Like any other set of beliefs, they can become exaggerated in particular policies, but that is not now the danger. These are the widely held beliefs of large numbers of ordinary people, who are not among the rich and privileged. The Labour Party knows their strength and Tony Blair often advocates them, if rather selectively.

They have a fear and hatred of violent crime. They believe in deterrent punishments when necessary. They are sometimes shocked by newspaper headlines which suggest that judges have imposed unduly lenient sentences. But they still believe that British law should be a matter for British judges, not for British politicians or the European courts.

These switchers like Mr Blair a lot, believe that Labour is more united and less extreme than it was in the 1980s and the Tories now are, but have doubts about the Opposition's economic policies. Hence, Mr Blair's repeated warnings against Labour complacency are well-based.

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Nicole: baring her soul

# Brain drain

THE BBC is continuing its purge of presenters on Radio 4's Thought for the Day amid accusations that it is trying to make the morning programme politically correct.



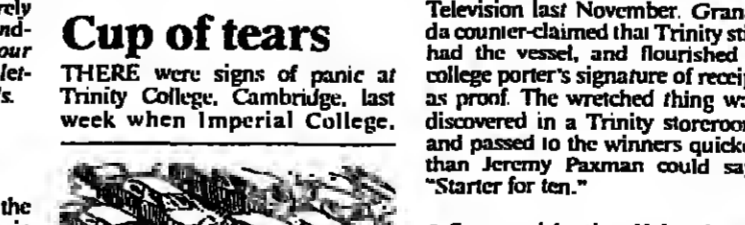
Rested: the Bishop of Oxford

DIARY section with a clock graphic and text about the Bring Back Richard Harries Campaign.

Final chapter LITERARY news: Frederick Forsyth, Germaine Greer and John Julius Norwich are mourning the departure from the books world of their terrifically efficient literary agent, Diana Baring.

Pink kisses DAME BARBARA Cartland, the queen of chiffon and all that is pink, is to stamp her name once again on the world of high fashion.

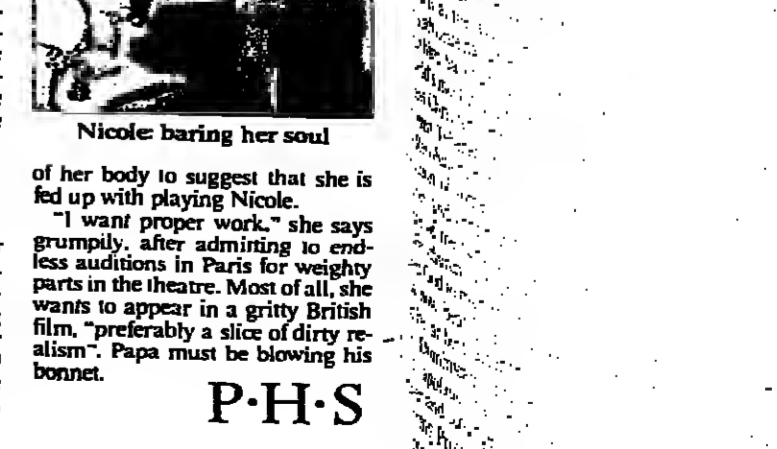
Cup of tears THERE were signs of panic at Trinity College, Cambridge, last week when Imperial College,



They call it mad bank holiday disease

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SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Sir John Arnold, former President of the Army, Division 81, the Marquess of Bath, General Sir Jeremy Blacker, 57, Mr Tony Blair, MP, Leader of the Labour Party, 43.

Memorial service

Professor Richard Charles Cobb The Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University was represented by Sir Anthony Kenny, Warden of Rhodes House, at a memorial service for Professor Richard Charles Cobb, Professor of Medieval History, Oxford University, 1973-84, and Senior Research Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, 1984-87, held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Anthony Humphries, Assistant Curate, St John's, Worktop; to be Assistant Curate, St Saviour's, Redford (Southwark). The Rev Brian Leathers, Curate, Welwyn; to be Vicar, Heacham St Mary (Norwich). The Rev Andrew Lennox-Conyngnam, Chaplain to the Royal Marsden NHS Trust, Sutton (Southwark); to be Vicar, St Luke, Birmingham (Birmingham). Canon Tim McEwan, full-time Director of Churches' Council for Industry and Social Responsibility in the diocese of Bristol; to be Hon. Assistant Curate, St Saviour's St Mary, Cotonham (Bristol).

Service dinners

Women's Transport Service (FANY) Mrs Anna Whitehead, Corps Commander of the Women's Transport Service (FANY), presided at a mess dinner held yesterday at Longmore.

Holy Child School

A reunion will be held at Holy Child School, Edgubridge, Birmingham, on June 29, 1996. Further details from the school, tel 0121 440 4103.

Nature notes

ROBINS are breeding: they build their nests of dead leaves and moss in any suitable aperture, from holes in the ground to the glove pockets of abandoned cars. They lay four or five red-spotted eggs; some already have young chicks in the nest.

The common tern

opens and spread in carpets through the woods. The smoky-blue flowers of ground ivy are found in the grass at the woodland edges. Oaks (trees) are only just coming into leaf; it is very late for them.

The sky at night in May

By MICHAEL J. HENDREY ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY starts the month as an evening star reaching inferior conjunction on the 15th, after which it moves into the morning sky but remains too close to the Sun for observation.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month.

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Sketch is saved from auction

A MAJOR drawing by Thomas Gainsborough has gone on show at his birthplace in Sudbury, Suffolk, after a fight to keep it in Britain. The study is the first of three preparatory versions for Diana and Acteon, a picture in the collection at Buckingham Palace.

Archaeology news

GOVERNMENT cuts have forced the Museum of London to close its archaeological archive, which for the past half century has cared for finds and records from excavations in the greater London area.

Cash cuts close digs archive

Further cuts proposed for 1997-98 would stretch the museum's ability to maintain central functions. Although most excavations in London take place during redevelopment and the digging is often funded by the developer, it is often funded by the museum.

Marriages

Sir John Stokes and Mrs E.J.S. Packham A Service of Blessing for the marriage of Sir John Stokes and Mrs Frances Packham, widow of Lieutenant-Commander Donald Packham, RN, ret'd, was held in the Chapel of The Queen's College, Oxford on May 3, 1996.

Mr P.A.C. Coombs and Miss C.J.L. Urquhart The marriage took place on Saturday the Church of the Holy Trinity, St Andrews, Fife, of Piers Coombs, elder son of Colonel and Mrs Marcus Coombs, of Strivenham, Wiltshire, and Conlyn Urquhart, eldest daughter of the Hon William and Mrs Unquhart, of Kilmory, The Rev Charles Armour officiated.

Fortcoming marriages

Mr P.G. Feasey and Miss J.M.M. Gurnitt The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mr and Mrs Eric Feasey, of Heywood, Lancashire, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Gurnitt, of Burnstead, Surrey.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Andre Massena, Marquis de France, Nicaise 1758; Massena de Robespierre, French Revolution leader, Arras, 1758; Mary Martha Sherwood, writer, Stamford, Worcestershire, 1775; Sigmund Freud, psychoanalyst, Freiberg (Prigor Czechoslovakia), 1858; Robert Peary, Arctic explorer, Cresson, Pennsylvania, 1856.

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Public Notices and Announcements section containing various legal notices, including one for a company appointment and another for a partnership.

THE TIMES Birth and Death Notices advertisement and a Kidney Research Saves Lives advertisement.

A large advertisement for a business or service featuring a stylized logo and contact information, possibly related to the 'PERSONAL COLUMN' theme.



Police gain right to bug

Police will be able to enter private property and plant bugging devices against targeted criminals under legislation to be introduced by the Government in the autumn.

The aim is to put covert surveillance by the 43 police forces in England and Wales on a similar basis to MIS, which soon will be able to obtain warrants to break into houses and vehicles to plant bugs.

Children die in arson attack

Four children died in a suspected arson attack on their home in Southampton. Detectives are investigating claims by the distraught mother that petrol had been poured through the letterbox and set alight at 2am as the family slept.

Zulu boy goes home

Sifiso Mhlangu, the Zulu boy who the British courts sent to South Africa to live with his parents, arrived back in Tsakane township.

Bader's plane

A group of enthusiasts recovered what they believed to be the shattered remains of Sir Douglas Bader's Spitfire from 15ft of clay near St Omer.

Drinking until dawn

Football fans will be able to drink until dawn during the Euro 96 championships next month as magistrates relax restrictions on closing times in city centre pubs and clubs.

Nine o'clock rector

The Nine O'clock Service, the "rave" church that collapsed last year was assigned to the safe hands of a grey-haired, bespectacled country rector.

Tories at war

Warring Tories continued their internal battle over Europe despite warnings that feuding will open the door to a huge general election victory for the Labour Party.

Election threat

Genadi Zyuganov, the Russian Communist Party leader and presidential election favourite said that the Kremlin may try to postpone the polls rather than face defeat.

French bid for rail

A French rubbish collection and street cleaning company could be running a quarter of Britain's railway network within a year.

Dole attacks

Bob Dole, the Republican presidential challenger, launched his harshest attack yet on President Clinton but his criticism was largely eclipsed by rows in his own party.

Party girl dies

The daughter of a police superintendent was found dead on a sofa at a party where it is suspected drugs were available.

Monrovia blazes

The centre of Monrovia, the Liberian capital, was ablaze after ethnic Krahn fighters pushed out of their barracks to hit back at Charles Taylor's forces.

Children's shop

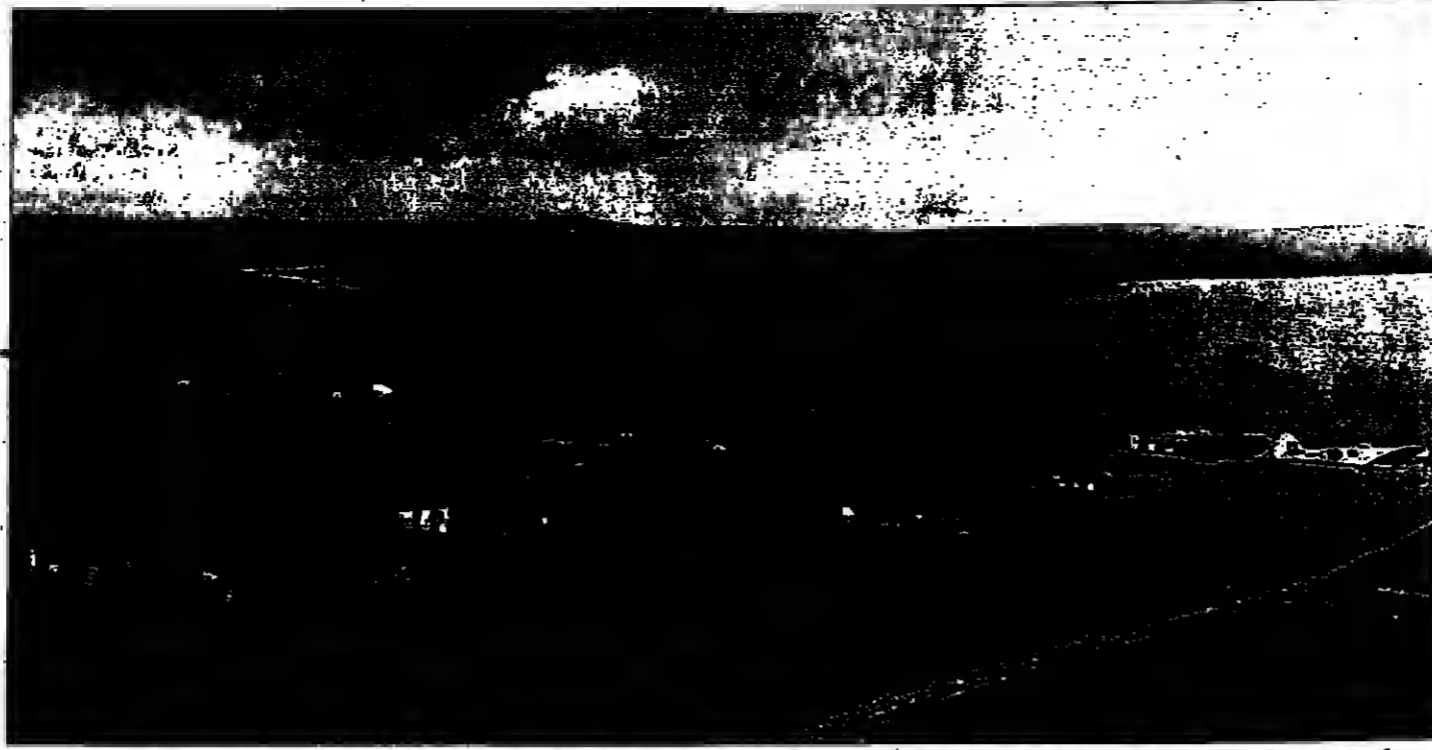
The entrepreneur who founded the Waterstones bookshops is to open a £5 million department store devoted to children. It will sell books, toys, videos and clothes and have a "magnificent" soda fountain.

Sea claim

Inhabitants of Mer, a tiny palm-fringed island off northern Australia, are demanding the restoration of their fishing rights in the water around their home.

MPs' 'freebies' to be curbed

MPs face tougher rules next month to curb the number of "freebie" holidays and overseas visits taken by themselves and their families. New Commons guidelines will force MPs to reveal more details of foreign trips taken by themselves, their partners and children if paid for by companies, charities or foreign governments.



Spitfires fly over Southampton Water yesterday to mark the wartime fighter's inaugural flight 60 years ago. Bader's plane, page 6

Lloyd's rescue

A financial boost of £1.2 billion could ensure the insurance market's survival.

Problematic ballet

Kenneth MacMillan's 1971 ballet 'Anastasia' revived at Covent Garden under the supervision of his widow, but its inherent problems remain unresolved.

Horrible death

New Zealand flatworms actively search for earthworms by slithering down their tunnels and will hunt them to the point of extinction.

Football: Manchester United

captured the Premiership for the third time in four years with a 3-0 victory over Middlesbrough.

Power bid

The latest in a series of City takeover bids in the power industry is expected this week with an agreed deal worth up to £2 billion for Midlands Electricity from the US utility that ran Three Mile Island.

Playing Marilyn

The American actress Lisa Eichhorn will soon be playing Marilyn Monroe on stage, as the Royal Exchange in Manchester presents 'Miffis', a new play about the making of Monroe's last film.

Mirror image

An experiment with chimpanzees and mirrors is explaining how children first become aware of themselves.

Motor racing

Damon Hill put his championship hopes back on track when he won the San Marino Grand Prix. Michael Schumacher, who started in pole position, was runner-up.

Game play

At the end of the league season Alasdair Murray looks at the business implications of events in the goal-mouth.

New music

The Harrison Birtwistle Retrospective moved towards its close with premieres on the South Bank.

Crime bust

Nothing is more guaranteed to distort a witness's recollection than being asked to flip through a folder of 960 chins, ears, eyes and beards.

Cricket

Tendulkar scored a century as India enjoyed a comfortable victory over the Duke of Norfolk's XI at Arundel.

Lost shirts

A factory on Merseyside producing shirts for Marks & Spencer that closed on Friday is only the latest to fall victim to cheap competition from the Third World, a trend that has cut textile employment by a third.

Big voice

Mellow is not the word to describe Jimmy Witherspoon, one of the last of the great blues shouters.

Equestrianism

Mark Todd, of New Zealand, won the Badminton Horse Trials with a faultless performance on Bertie Blunt.

Rugby Union

The English season finished on a discordant note as Back, the Leicester flanker, pushed over the referee at the end of the Pilkington Cup final.

Athletics

Diane Modahl took no chances with cold cures on her winning return after being cleared of taking drugs.

Outdoors

Shows in the north, rain in the Channel Islands, otherwise dry with night frost.

Channel Islands

cloudy with rain at times. Wind north-east fresh or strong. Feeling rather cold. Maximum temperature 12C (54F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland

sunny intervals and showers, some prolonged at first. Wind mainly north moderate. Maximum temperature 7C to 9C (45F to 48F).

London, SE England, Central S England, SW England

becoming mostly cloudy but remaining dry. Wind north-east moderate or fresh. Feeling rather chilly. Maximum temperature 13C (55F).

Anglia, Midlands, Wales

mainly dry, with bright or sunny spells. Wind north-east light or moderate. Rather cold after early frost. Maximum temperature 13C (55F).

France Gibb talks to a defence lawyer

in the first war crimes trial since Nuremberg

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Judicial discretion; redundant air bases; make-up

Richard Wilson as a former Lord Chancellor bent on causing trouble. Lord of Misrule (BBC1, 9pm) Review: Lynne Truss is thrilled by the sight of the human imagination in action

Solomon's child

Here is a child in evident, abject misery; if in six months he is still miserable, the courts should give him the opportunity to speak for himself.

A better Spain

Spain is today a place with better balance, better prospects and a better man at the helm.

Bless that soul

If Girolamo Savonarola is beatified then it will be the most inappropriate elevation since Lord Kagan forsook his Gannex.

PETER RIDDELL

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Is the decline the result of the Conservative Party being too Conservative, or of its not being Conservative enough?

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Answers to the crossword puzzle, including 'House by pass', 'Priest, in origin, a church official', etc.

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Large advertisement for 'The Times' featuring a cartoon about children and a headline 'Russia or Britons spying'.

Handwritten Arabic text: 'مكتبة من الأصول'